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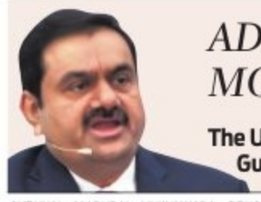

ADANI GETS TO RUN THREE MORE AIRPORTS FOR 50 YRS

The Union Cabinet has okayed leasing of Jaipur, T'puram and Guwahati airports to Gautam Adani-led Adani Enterprises

ADANI HAD WON THE BIDS LAST YEAR

In all, the Adani Group had won the rights to operate six airports through the Public-Private Partnership model. Last year, the Union Cabinet had cleared the leasing out of Ahmedabad, Mangaluru and Lucknow airports. However, the leasing of Jaipur, Thiruvananthapuram and Guwahati airports got caught up in legal hurdles and the Cabinet nod was pending

FURTHER PRIVATISATION ON THE CARDS

- The PPP model has helped the Airports Authority of India increase its revenue and focus on developing more airports and aviation infrastructure in Tier-II & Tier III cities
- Aviation Minister Hardeep Puri said on Tuesday that his ministry will place proposals for further privatisation of airports

₹1,070 cr

UPFRONT PAYMENT THE A.A.I. WILL GET FROM HANDING OVER THE AIRPORTS

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EXPRESS READ

10K troops from J-K to withdraw

New Delhi: The Centre on Wednesday ordered immediate withdrawal of 10,000 paramilitary personnel from Jammu and Kashmir. This is the biggest de-induction of these forces after additional troops were rushed to the UT after the abrogation of Article 370. The decision was taken after the Home Ministry reviewed the deployment of the Central forces in the UT | P9

WB may lower India projection

New Delhi: The World Bank on Wednesday indicated it may further lower its growth projections for India and said critical reforms in key areas such as health, labour, land, skills and finance are needed to come out stronger from the Covid-19 crisis. The World Bank had in May projected the Indian economy contracting by 3.2% in FY21, and rebound slowly in the next fiscal | P12

Covid tests may touch 10L per day

New Delhi: Focusing on the 'test, track and treat' strategy, India has tested more than 8 lakh samples for Covid-19 for the second consecutive day in a row, taking the cumulative tests to 3,17,42,782 so far, the Union Health Ministry said on Wednesday. Aiming to increase the number of tests per day to 10 lakh, as many as 8,01,518 samples were tested in a span of 24 hours, on Tuesday | P9

SC hands Sushant death case to CBI

Says probe by premier agency will improve public confidence and ensure justice

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

TO boost public confidence in the ongoing probe into the unnatural death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput and to ensure complete justice, the Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Central Bureau of Investigation to take over the probe.

The top court told the Maharashtra government to comply and assist with the investigation. It also directed the Mumbai Police to hand over all evidence collected to the CBI.

Justice Hrishikesh Roy, who gave the verdict, invoked the powers of the SC under Article 142 of the Constitution to ensure 'complete justice'.

The judge turned down the objection by senior lawyer Abhishek Manu Singhvi, who represented the Maharashtra government, that a single judge bench cannot exercise the powers under Article 142 and that it must be a bench having strength of at least two judges.

"When truth meets sunshine, justice will not prevail on the living alone, but after Life's fitful fever, now the departed will also sleep well. Satyameva Jayate," read the 25-page judgment. "Equally importantly, when integrity and credibility of the investigation is discernible, the trust, faith and confidence of the common man in the judicial process will resonate," it added. It also held that the Bihar government had the right to refer the Patna FIR lodged by Rajput's father to CBI. The bench said the CBI will be competent to probe not only the Patna FIR, but also any other FIRs related to the case.

The judge noted that the tug of war between Bihar and Maharashtra over the case and allegations of political interference has cast a cloud over the legitimacy of the probe. P10

BJP hails order, Cong calls for proper probe

The BJP hailed the order as a "triumph of justice". The Congress said the agency should carry out a "proper probe", and asserted that justice won't be delivered by BJP-JDU making statements for "political gains"

CONTEMPT

PRASHANT BHUSHAN WANTS HEARING ON SENTENCE PUSHED

Lawyer-activist, who is guilty of criminal contempt, has moved Supreme Court, seeking that the hearing on his sentence be deferred till review plea is considered | P9

Common recruitment test gets Cabinet's nod

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Union Cabinet on Wednesday gave its nod to constitute a National Recruitment Agency (NRA) to conduct standardised online examinations for Group B and C non-technical posts in the Central Government. The NRA will hold Common Eligibility Tests (CETs) in 12 Indian languages with centres in each district.

Hailing the decision, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who presided over the Cabinet meeting, said the move will herald transparency in recruitment, while doing away with multiplicity of recruitment agencies.

The NRA initially will hold the CET for the Railways, PSU banks and the Staff Selection Commission. The CET score will be valid for three years and there will be no bar on the number of attempts by candidates.

The scores will be the basis of screening for the second and the third level of tests to be conducted by the RRBs, SSC and the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection, officials said. The NRA will conduct the CET separately for graduates, those who have cleared higher secondary exams and matriculates.

The government aims to bring other recruitment agencies on board. Also on the cards are measures to encourage state governments and the private sector to accept CET for their recruitments.

While the government said the CET will be the stepping stone for next-level selection process, the need for subsequent tests might be done away with entirely, a senior official told *TNIE*.

The Cabinet has allocated a sum of ₹1,517.57 crore for the constitution of the NRA which will be an autonomous society and will consist of the members of the SSC, RRB and IBPS.

K B Sandra violence: State asks HC to appoint claims commissioner

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE State Government on Wednesday moved the Karnataka High Court, seeking direction to appoint a Claims Commissioner to estimate the damage, fix liability and award compensation with respect to mass destruction of properties in the violence in DJ Halli and KG Halli police limits in the city on the night of August 11.

In 2009, the Supreme Court said that the high courts may take suo motu action and appoint a Claims Commissioner to investigate the damage caused and award compensation by affixing liability on the perpetrators of the crimes and the organisers of the event, in cases where mass destruction of private and public property and injury to persons takes place due to protests and riots.

Based on this, the Advocate General mentioned the issue of appointing a retired High Court judge or district judge as a Claims Commissioner before a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi. The bench said it will take up the matter for hearing on Thursday.

The streets of DJ Halli and surrounding areas returned to normal after prohibitory orders were lifted, in Bengaluru on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

THREE ADVOCATES TO REPRESENT STATE

The State Government appointed advocates P Prasanna Kumar, P Tejus and B O Chandrashekar as Special Public Prosecutors to represent the state before the courts in cases pertaining to the violence. The appointments were made in response to the appeal made by the DG&IGP.

In the petition filed before the court in response to the report of the city police commissioner, the State Government stated that there was significant and large-scale destruction of both public and private property due to the violence on the night of August 11.

The government stated that the mob also looted some establishments despite efforts by police and that more than 80 police personnel were injured. P7

MORE IN THE NET

Ex-mayor's PA held; Top cop reviews probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Central Crime Branch (CCB) on Wednesday arrested the personal assistant of Devara Jeevana Halli BBMP ward corporator and former Mayor R Sampath Raj in connection with the riots of August 11 night. Arun Kumar was arrested based on phone call records which reportedly showed that he had made over 10 calls from his phone to Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) leader Muzammil Pasha and others, who are already arrested.

City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant visited DJ Halli and KG Halli police stations and held a review meeting with officers. He reportedly took details of the FIRs registered and arrests made so far. He advised senior officers to assign inspectors from other police stations and entrust them with investigation of 2-3 cases each, as up to 64 FIRs have been registered. Further, he is said to have asked them to conduct a thorough enquiry and collect clinching evidence. P7

Pranab's condition worsens, has lung infection, say docs

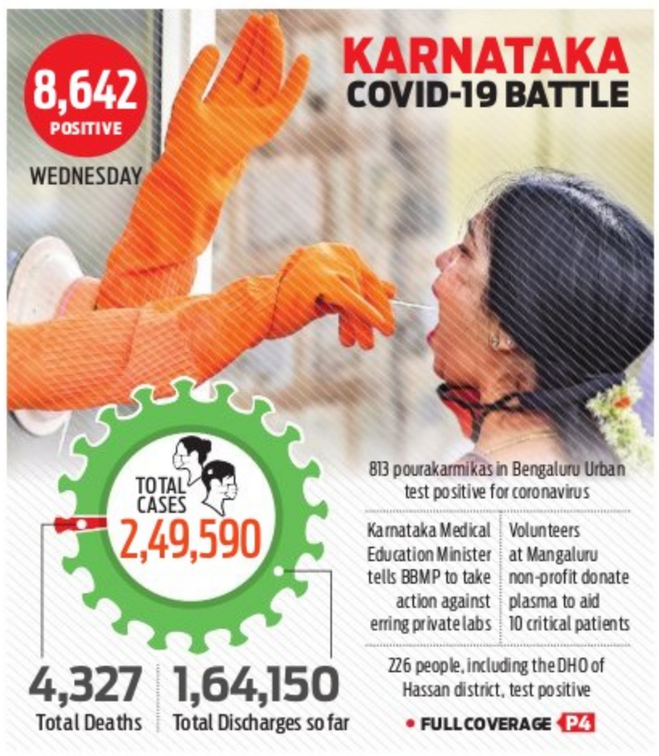
MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE health condition of former President Pranab Mukherjee worsened on Wednesday, after infection in his lungs was detected.

"There has been a decline in the medical condition of Hon'ble Shri Pranab Mukherjee as he has developed features of lung infection. He continues to be on ventilator support and is currently being managed by a team of specialists," read a statement by the Army Hospital.

Earlier in the day, the former President's son Abhijit had tweeted saying his father was stable. "With All Your good wishes & sincere efforts of the Doctors, my father is stable now! His vital parameters continue to remain under control & manageable! Positive signs of his improvement is noticed! I request you all to pray for His speedy recovery!" he had tweeted.

The 88-year-old was admitted to the Army Hospital at Delhi Cantonment on August 10 in a critical condition. A detailed examination by the hospital revealed a large brain clot for which he underwent an emergency life-saving surgery. Following the surgery, he continued to remain critical and was put on ventilator support. He was also found to be Covid-positive.



ATMANIRBHAR

Defence import embargo: Opportunity and challenge for Indian industry

RAMU PATIL @ Bengaluru

ON the morning of January 4, 2001, when the homegrown fighter soared into the clear skies over Bengaluru on its maiden flight, it put to rest any doubts over India's capabilities to make a state-of-the-art Light Combat Aircraft (LCA). It gave a new dimension to 'atmanirbharta', or self-reliance, in defence preparedness as well as manufacturing.

Nearly 20 years later, the LCA, which is now part of the Indian Air Force (IAF) fleet, figures on the list of 101 items that the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has embargoed for import. Though many of those items are already made or being manufactured locally, the decision, which is part of the Centre's push for its ambitious Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, is expected to give a new thrust to the Indian defence industry.

"It is a step in the right direction to stimulate the Indian defence industry and thereby head towards self-reliance," said Air Marshal B K Pandey (Retired), former Chief of Indian Air Force (IAF) Training Command, Bengaluru. "Most of the items like the LCA, Light Combat Helicopter, Basic Trainer, Light Transport Aircraft are already manufactured here. What the government wants to do now is not to put unnecessary pressure of competition on local industry by importing. The Services will not be able to initiate cases for import of items in this category."

The embargo on imports is planned to be progressively implemented between 2020 and 2024. The list comprises 101 items including hi-tech weapons systems like artillery guns, assault rifles, sonar systems, transport aircraft, LCHs, radars and others. According to the MoD, almost 260 schemes of such items were contracted by the Tri-Services at an approximate cost of Rs 3.5 lakh crore between April 2015 and August 2020. Now, it is estimated that contracts worth almost Rs 4 lakh crore will go to the domestic industry in the next five to seven years.

Dr Ajey Lele, Senior fellow at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA), New Delhi, sees it as a very important step from the Indian industry point of view, as they get huge clarity on where they stand, what they should manufacture and what could be their key areas of focus. "There was a certain amount of ambiguity in the industry, as well as the Armed Forces. Private industry used to think that whatever they invested in, the forces would import the equipment ultimately. Now, there is clarity in the minds of both parties," he said.

For the industry, it will be a huge opportunity as well as a challenge at the same time. P4

Hope for engine project

Certain challenges persist, however, especially in terms of developing a jet engine, as the project did not make much headway even after several years. But experts like Dr Kota Harinarayana, the former Director of ADA, are confident that India will be able to tackle this issue in a few years.

LEADERSHIP

Manmohan offered PM post, Rahul refused: Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Congress on Wednesday rallied behind Rahul Gandhi, saying workers want him to come back as party president.

Downplaying talks of bringing a leader not connected to the Nehru-Gandhi family, Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said the family has served the party unmindful of the trappings of power.

Surjewala said former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had offered to resign and make way for Rahul to take the top post, but the latter declined the offer.

On Priyanka Gandhi's comments about a non-Gandhi party chief, as mentioned in a new book, he said those were made a year ago and in a different context. "Millions of Congress workers and leaders have seen that Rahul Gandhi has led the fight tirelessly, undaunted by the setbacks and vile attacks by the Modi government. It is this fearlessness that the Congress requires, workers respect and nation needs," he added.

His statement is significant as it comes at a time when several party leaders have demanded that either Rahul take over the reins or the party elect a new chief.

In the book *India Tomorrow: Conversations with the Next Generation of Political Leaders* by Pradeep Chibber and Harsh Shah, Priyanka is quoted as saying: "Perhaps not in the (resignation) letter but elsewhere, he has said that none of us should be the president of the party and I am in full agreement with him."

ALMANAC TODAY

• **Thursday** 20/08/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana:** Dakshinayana • **Ritu:** Varsha • **Masa:** Shravana • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Amavasya 8.08 am • **Nakshatra:** Makha 3.57 am • Moon in Kanya Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00pm • **Gulikakala:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER WATCH

MIN 21°C | MAX 28°C

FORECAST Partly sunny

Sunrise 6.08 am | Sunset 6.37 pm | Moonrise 7.09 am | Moonset 9.55 pm

Engineers to attend to road repair plaints

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

PUTTING an end to the confusion over which road falls under whose jurisdiction when repair requests are received, BBMP Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad has now revoked the old orders of road management. He said when engineers receive a complaint they have to attend to it, irrespective of which ward the road falls under. Action will be taken against those who fail to do so, he added.

"We wanted the road near Hennur Main Road to be repaired, but the engineers kept refusing to hear us out saying that the road does not fall under their jurisdiction. It is only when the corporator was involved, was the road repaired," said Krishna Murthy, a resident.

Sujatha L, a resident of RR Nagar zone, had a similar grouse. "Jurisdiction shouldn't matter. When a grievance is raised, it is the duty of the BBMP to repair it," she said.

In November 2019, the BBMP had shifted the management of major roads to zonal divisions. Even as the orders were issued, the decision was not communicated to the ground level engineers, which only added to the confusion. The BBMP Commissioner agreed that this was an error and one road was divided among multiple divisions, only leading to poor management. "It was a mistake that had happened last year and now the order is being changed. This will ensure that all roads are equally divided among all sections and there is effective management," he said.

FSTIVAL DAMPENER

COVID FILTER ON GANESHA CELEBRATIONS

Community idols can be kept only for three days, says BBMP chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

BENGALURU this year is going in for a muted Gowri-Ganesha festival with a message to all — no crowds allowed. With Bengaluru still struggling against a heavy coronavirus caseload, the celebrations come with a Covid filter.

Community Ganesha idols every year attract huge crowds. But this time the authorities have come out with curbs in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Taking the directions of the state government a step ahead for the festival, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad said idols can be kept only for three days in public places.

Speaking to the media, a day after the Chief Secretary issued the notification permitting the celebrations, Prasad said only one idol per ward or village is permitted and the idol should not be more than four feet in height. Also it cannot be housed for more than three days and they have to be immersed in designated places only.

The civic body has some don'ts for households too — idols at home should not be more than two feet in height and they should be immersed only at home.

Prasad said that cultural celebrations are prohibited, no grand celebrations or processions can be held while housing the idols or while immersing them. He said permission to keep the idol per ward will have to be taken from the zonal joint commissioner and the DCP of police. When the people fill in the form and submit details, they will also be informed where the idol has to be immersed.

Arrangements for mobile idol immersion are also being made. Social distancing will have to be ensured and all devotees will have to wear a mask, he said.

Ganesha idols lined up for sale in Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

BACK IN ACTION

After sporting activities were put on ice for a few months, its back to the stadium. Players enjoy a game of volleyball at Jayanagar Indoor Stadium, which was inaugurated by MLA Sowmya Reddy in Bengaluru on Wednesday | MEGHANA SASTRY

Pvt school denies it expelled student for non-payment of fees

PEARL MARIA DSOUZA @Bengaluru

EUROSCHOOL Whitefield has denied that it expelled a student for non-payment of school fees. On August 12, The *New Indian Express* had reported that parents of a Class 6 student had alleged that their child's school had cut off access to online classes and issued a Transfer Certificate, effectively taking the child off its rolls.

EuroSchool Whitefield informed *TNIE* in an email that the Transfer Certificate was issued by the school on the written request of the parent. However, the school agreed that the online classes were stopped after transfer certificate was issued, and citing "security reasons" as the pupil was no longer a student.

S Sebastian, father of the student, told *TNIE* that they had categorically asked for the Transfer Certificate only if the school was unable to rectify the glitch that prevented access to the software for online classes.

The school on the other hand, said, "As a school, our commitment has always been to ensure uninterrupted learning and we stayed true to our commitment ensuring the student has access to online classes despite non-payment of fees by the parent."

However, the child's parents say this was not how events unfolded. Sebastian said the school first cut off access to a supplementary learning app for homework, etc, called "Argus". There was no response from the school when he sent them two emails seeking an explanation.

Sebastian then asked the school to issue a Transfer Certificate if it would not restore access to the app. The school responded by issuing a TC and cutting off online classes altogether, he said. In his letter to the school, he said "The only fault over fee payment from my side was asking the school to follow the state government rules and regulations."

14K-plus from K'taka appear for Comed-K

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

COMED-K UGET 2020 and Uni-Gauge 2020 were held online in two phases on Wednesday for engineering aspirants across the country.

The exam was held without any glitches across the country in 160 cities including 23 in Karnataka. The exam was held in 259 centres across the country including 73 in Karnataka and 36 in Bengaluru, according to a media release issued by S Kumar, executive secretary, Comed-K. Of the 61,290 students who registered countrywide, 43,331 or 70.6% wrote the exam, including 14,280 of 17,776 who registered from Karnataka.

Provisional answer keys will be uploaded on the Comed-K website on August 23 along with forms for challenging the keys. The final answer key will be made available on August 31. Score cards will be accessible to candidates through their respective logins on September 4, the release said.

A candidate arrives for the Comed-K test at MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology on Wednesday | SHRIRAM BN

GREENER PASTURES

A pond and fountain installed at the Banaswadi MEMU shed in Bengaluru

MEMU shed gets facelift with new pond, fountain

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

MAKING optimal use of the spare time due to non-operational suburban train services, railway staffers working with the mechanical department of the Bengaluru Railway Division have created an artificial pond with a fountain at the Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) shed at Banaswadi. Coaches of local trains are sent to this shed for maintenance.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Bengaluru Division, Jayant Ramachandran said, "Staffers of the mechanical department at Baiyappanahalli coaching depot and Banaswadi MEMU depot developed the pool, which has a capacity of 45 kilolitres. Both staffers and visitors are happy with the new addition to the station which was put in place two weeks ago. "The water is recycled and flows back through the fountain and there is no wastage," he said.

The fountain has helped in creating a good ambience and offered a facelift to the premises, Ramachandran added. "The LED lighting at night makes the place very attractive," he said.

Divisional Railway Manager, Bengaluru Division, A K Verma, said, "The Ksheer Sagar has been developed to improve the station's aesthetics. We are taking steps to develop workers' places to motivate our team."

Asked if the same would be replicated at other spots, Ramachandran said it could happen in future.

CET RESULTS TO BE OUT ON FRIDAY

Higher Education Minister and Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan on Wednesday said that the CET results will be announced on Friday. He said the results will be declared a day later than announced earlier due to technical glitches. The Karnataka Examinations Authority will declare the results by 12.30 pm, he said. Students can check their results on http://karresults.nic.in

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

20th August : It's a Libran day today, which means one thing: compromise! Libran people will do anything to be liked, so they spend a lot of time avoiding arguments. My advice is to try to find a middle path, no matter how difficult it seems. Everyone has a point of view and, even if we don't like it, at least we can listen. Sometimes talking really can defuse tense situations!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)

Everything still seems to be confused, yet only when other people come clean will you be able to get a grip on affairs. The trouble is that nobody seems to be clear where fact ends and fantasy begins. But perhaps the two are not so different, anyway!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

Sometimes doing something is worse than not doing anything! If you refuse to listen to partners, or attempt to challenge them on their own ground, you will only magnify your problems. You could do yourself a favour, take an ethical stand, and try to explain the difference between right and wrong to colleagues.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

A splendid relationship between one set of planets aligned with your house of business, and another related to your house of work, means one thing: you must now make one final effort to increase your income. Or at least, you should steer clear of money-wasting activities.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

The Sun relates to magical Mercury, serious Saturn, mystical Neptune and secretive Pluto. You're therefore on a sort of emotional and creative helter-skelter, meaning that, true to character, you will pay very much more attention to your feelings than to the facts.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

Jupiter is now beginning to complete a series of aspects which indicate that you will be one of the first to feel the benefits of changing conditions. If you have a problem over the next couple of weeks then it could be impatience, so see to it that every gain you've made is guaranteed.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

An emphasis on serious, deep thought helps students, people attending interviews and anyone with long-term proposals to make. The best approach requires a devotion to the truth and a high regard for colleagues' feelings. A little selflessness goes a long way towards helping you achieve your goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

You are on the verge of making a major breakthrough, and may finally have the resources, or the courage, to implement a number of significant domestic reforms. Emotionally, you will at last come into your own, but you might have to leave one personal question unanswered.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

It is now almost time to begin new enterprises, whether romantic, professional or domestic but, according to all the ancient rules of astrology, you may do best if you can pause just a little while longer. You can watch, wait, and pick your perfect moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

When the Moon changes its position, you should begin to feel much happier, and also to see the truth underlying a number of recent emotional complications. Don't abandon your dreams, but do put them into context. You might realise that you misunderstood somebody's perfectly reasonable suggestions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

You probably imagine that it's a long time since other people did you any favours, but, in some curious manner, even those who have tried to do you down in the past, will now give you a helping hand. A reversal of fortune should work out to your advantage!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Powerful stars motivate you to assert yourself and insist that other people obey you, not the other way round. However, never imagine that the person who makes the loudest noise now will win out in the long run. It can be the quiet people, who are never noticed, who come first.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

There is almost nothing in your chart to do with work and responsibility, and a great deal connected with dreams and fantasies. Nobody can blame you if you decide to take some time off, or just look around until you find something else which interests you.

THE PHANTOM

HEAR ME NOW...
HAVING ALTERED THE COURSE OF THE LEGEND, YOU WILL NOT LIE HERE AMONG YOUR ANCESTORS!
YOU HAVE CONSIGNED YOURSELF TO A FARAWAY GRAVE, MY SON...
!!
DEFEAT THANGS!

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

I LOVE THESE THRILLING MAY TV SWEEPS FINALE SHOWS!!
BOOM! CRASH!
THEY HOOK YOU IN WITH SUSPENSEFUL PLOTS AND NAIL-BITING SURPRISE ENDINGS
BUT DON'T COOKING SHOWS ALL END THE SAME?
NOT IF THEY SCORCH THIS CHILI DOG!!

LOCKHORNS

"HOW CAN IT BE 'HE SAID, SHE SAID' WHEN I CAN NEVER GET A WORD IN?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"OH NO...I'M GETTING A ROOT BEER BELLY!"

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

1			8	5			6	
	3			9	4			
9		7	1	3		5		
2		1						
	5	8	9	2	3	6	4	
						8		2
		3		6	2	7		9
			4	8			3	
	2			7	9			5

EASY

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzles

3	9	6	7	2	8	1	5	4
7	8	4	5	6	1	3	9	2
1	5	2	9	4	3	8	7	6
4	2	8	1	3	5	7	6	9
9	1	7	6	8	4	5	2	3
5	6	3	2	9	7	4	8	1
2	7	5	3	1	6	9	4	8
8	3	9	4	5	2	6	1	7
6	4	1	8	7	9	2	3	5

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VASYV

KANDR

SUMOTC

KRBEMA

He has no idea about Christine's history.
This is not going to be good for him.
THE AUTOMOBILE FEATURED IN STEPHEN KING'S "CHRISTINE" HAD ---

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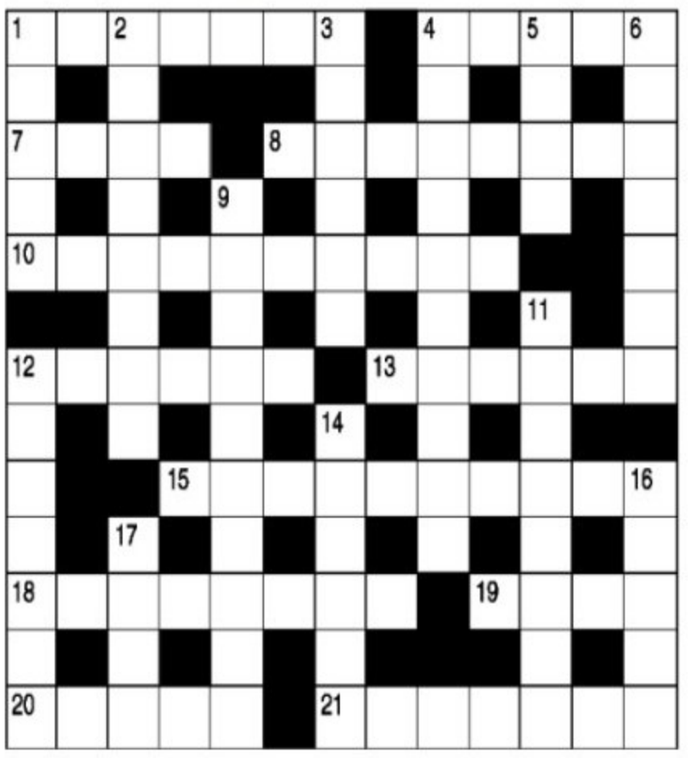
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: ( ) " ( ) "

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SHAWL PROVE KNOTTY BEATEN
Answer: The audition was for the lead role, and there were plenty of actors there to — TAKE PART

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Start to make an escape (3,4)
4 Dancers take it to knock an opponent down (5)
7 Change the course of a revolution (4)
8 As a guess maybe it soothes (8)
10 Get to grips but in friendly fashion (5,5)
12 Wine you make a mistake to be diffident about? (6)
13 Take cover when one is after a gangster (6)
15 Happiest time for those not attending night classes? (10)
18 Shared in a perfect round of golf (8)
19 Frozen waterfall (4)
20 Hope to find one well? (5)
21 Small article produced by an erratic knitter? (7)

DOWN

1 Arranged stage exits or entrances (5)
2 Changes in heat and rent are imminent (8)
3 Could be men say he's a sycophant (3-3)
4 Located the cause of the trouble and criticised (5,5)
5 Drunken revel leads to a gory mess (4)
6 Pause as the priest turns the key (7)
9 Disparage a new recipe in fruit (10)
11 An efficient killer in brave hands (8)
12 Raced round the edge and made a mistake (7)
14 He's not bent but on the level (6)
16 Tell of secret division (5)
17 Midnight quarrel to develop (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Play the lead, 9 Obverse, 10 Voter, 11 Palm, 12 Designed, 14 Realms, 16 Purses, 18 Literary, 19 Epic, 22 Tacks, 23 Confine, 24 Tennis court.

Down: 1 Level, 3 Yard, 4 Heeled, 5 Live it up, 6 Attends, 7 Copperplate, 8 Trade secret, 13 Imprison, 15 Article, 17 Precis, 20 Prior, 21 Undo.

Chikkamagaluru territorial forest officials and forest police have trapped a gang of ten who were involved in hunting and trading of pangolins. The arrests brought to light a big pangolin trading gang with links to other cities in the country

Cabinet meet today, PFI ban to take centrestage

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THE Karnataka cabinet, led by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, will meet on Thursday to discuss a range of issues. While at least 28 listed topics are on the agenda, ministers are keen to discuss the DG Halli and KG Halli violence to propose a ban on the Popular Front of India (PFI). In case the cabinet approves a proposal to ban the outfit, the state government will write to the Centre recommending a ban on the SDPI's ideological arm.

The cabinet is also scheduled to approve changes to at least 12 Acts, some that were introduced as ordinances, but need the Legislative Assembly's approval. The cabinet will also discuss the possibilities of convening a sitting of Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council before September.

Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Act 2020, BDA (Amendment) Act, Karnataka Stone Crushers Regulation (Amendment) Act 2020, Karnataka Industries (Facilitation) (Amendment) Act and the Karnataka public servicesand civil services acts among others are some of laws that the cabinet is set to approve. Under the Revenue Department, amendments have been proposed to the Prevention of Land Grabbing Act, Land Grants Act and Land Reforms Act.

EXPRESS READ

Online workshop for agri entrepreneurs

THE State government will conduct a virtual workshop for startup agripreneurs in Bengaluru on Friday. Agriculture Minister BC Patil said that there is scope to develop startups in agriculture. For the new-age agriculturists, a virtual workshop will be conducted in Bengaluru. The workshop will discuss growing millets and organic grains, food processing business and IT-based agriculture startups. More than 100 agriculture startups from across the country are expected to participate. ENS

RETURNING TO NORMALCY

A BBMP worker sanitises a road in DJ Halli on Wednesday. Violence had broken out in the locality on the night of August 11 and prohibitory orders were clamped subsequently | VINOD KUMAR T

Siddu writes to PM on handloom, handicraft boards

ENS @Bengaluru

LEADER of the opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging the Union government to reverse its decision to abolish the All-India Handicrafts Board and All-India Handloom Board.

In his letter, the former chief minister has indicated that 31.4 lakh families will be adversely affected by the closure of these boards. "The boards have been a forum for the weaver communities to express their concerns and grievances, and acted as advisory bodies to formulate various programmes and policies concerning weaver communities and handicrafts industries," Siddaramaiah's letter read.

He said that abolishing the boards without corroboration that they are an impediment to the development process is an "attempt to stifle the rights and voice" of weaver communities.

The letter comes at a time when the Congress has been launching attacks on the BJP government in the state for delay in the disbursal one-time Covid-19 assistance to weavers, as announced by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa in May.

Jarkiholi group keeps up pressure on BJP brass

Minister, Yogeshwar meet Nadda to push for DyCM post

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @Belagavi

WHILE the top BJP leadership and Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa continue to keep party aspirants to the cabinet on tenterhooks about the upcoming reshuffle, a group of legislators headed by **Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi** is exerting pressure on the BJP high command for inclusion of at least three leaders from the Jarkiholi group into the cabinet.

What Jarkiholi insisted before BJP national president J P Nadda is the inclusion of MLC C P Yogeshwar as Deputy Chief Minister. Sources said that Jarkiholi and Yogeshwar met Nadda in New Delhi two days ago, mainly to clarify the advantages the BJP will reap if Yogeshwar is elevated to the top post.

Jarkiholi's group has not conveyed to the party directly on who Yogeshwar should replace as DyCM, but it is said that the target is Laxman Savadi, Jarkiholi's political bete noir in Belagavi politics. Both of them have been at loggerheads politically in some locally crucial elections, including the DCC Bank polls.

Sources close to Jarkiholi said both the minister and Yogeshwar are not on good terms with KPCC president D K Shivakumar. It was to promote Yogeshwar as another potential leader in Shivakumar's Vokkaliga turf, that Jarkiholi joined the actor-turned-politician in Delhi to meet Nadda and push his case.

Yogeshwar is also keen to find a crucial break in Vokkaliga turf to revive his fading political career.

However, the BJP is unlikely to remove Savadi to accommodate Yogeshwar, but may promote Yogeshwar to tackle Shivakumar politically, sources said. Jarkiholi had demanded the position of DyCM before he switched to the BJP along with his disgruntled MLAs, but settled for the high-stakes Water Resources portfolio. If sources are to be believed, Jarkiholi wants the BJP leadership to induct MLCs AH Vishwanath and MTB Nagaraj into the cabinet, and is lobbying for them strongly in New Delhi. The party and Yediyurappa are expected to drop some ministers in order to accommodate Jarkiholi's associates.

With BJP caught badly in internal politics in the state, sources said it remains to be seen how Yediyurappa will tackle the situation to make way for a smooth cabinet reshuffle.

CM approves ₹300 cr for Kalyana K'taka

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

THE newly appointed Kalyana Karnataka Human Resources, Agriculture and Cultural Society has received the final approval to execute its developmental plans at a cost of Rs 300 crore this year.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Wednesday approved a detailed development proposal made by former Rajya Sabha MP Basavaraj Patil Sedam, the first chairman of the society.

The three-year plan, drawn up by the society at a cost of Rs 1,500 crore, focuses on enhancing organic farming and lift-irrigation schemes among others. The society is Yediyurappa's pet project and was announced in his 2020-2021 budget.

"Our committee has received the final approval today and the Chief Minister has agreed to release Rs 300 crore, of which Rs 100 crore will be released immediately. The rest of it will be released on an 'utilisation' basis," said Sedam. The proposed projects are pegged at Rs 610 crore by the society.

As per Sedam, the committee will need another two to three months to be up and running fully after the pandemic caused delays.

"Our target is to ensure livelihood for no less than 3 lakh people in the next three years at a cost of Rs 1,500 crore. As per our proposal, 5,000 agriculturists will be trained to undertake organic farming and 100 centres for Indian breed cattle will be set up. Cultural units that are currently at the taluk levels will be elevated to revenue headquarters level," Sedam said.

The proposal also includes new approach to education systems stressing on attitudinal change of the region.

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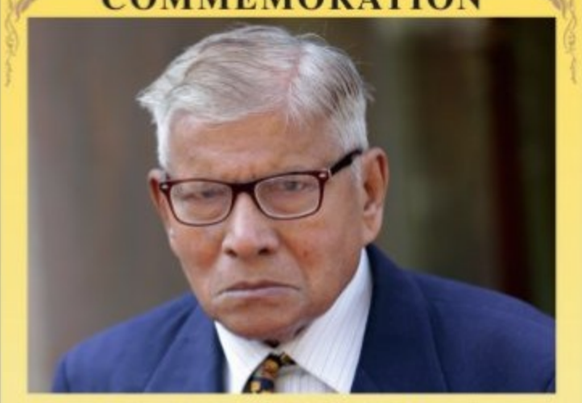
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SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction Sale under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 of the Immovable properties mortgaged to The Bangalore City Co-Operative Bank Ltd., is brought to Sale under **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"**.

Sl No	Name of the Borrower & Address Description of property	Boundaries & Measurement	Amount of Secured debt	Date of Public Auction
1.	**Smt. Krishnamma. M** No. 369, 6th Main, 8th Cross, M.S.R. Nagar, Bengaluru-54. No. 27, Old No. 71, 8th Cross, M.S.R Nagar, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No. 4 of Mathikere, PID No. 4-50- 27, Bangalore.	**East to West: 30 feet & North to South: 40 feet** East by : **Site No. 72,** West by : **28 feet Road,** North by : **25 feet Road,** South by : **Site No. 44**	**Rs. 99,43,409/- (Interest from 13.08.2020) Notice Date : 17.08.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 1,07,96,000/-**	**10.09.2020 11.00 P.M**
2.	**Sri. Sathya Shankar Marakini** No. 1316, 15th Cross, 2nd Phase, Girinagar, Benglauru-85. No. Old No.845, New No.1316, Situated at Vishwabharathy Housing complex layout, Avalahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, formed by the Writers and Arists, House Building Co Operative Society ltd., Now Called Vishwabharathi House Building Co Operative Society Ltd., 15th Cross, 2nd Phase, Giri nagara, Bengaluru Presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.54 of Srinagar, With Old PID No. 54-239-845, & New PID No. 162-W0301-18, Bengaluru.	**East to West : 80 feet & North to South : 50 feet East by : Site No. 860 (Old) 1295 (New) West by : Road North by : Site No. 844 (Old) 1315 (New) South by : Site No. 846 (Old) 1317 (New)**	**Rs. 3,24,86,339/- (Interest from 17.08.2020) Notice Date : 17.08.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 3,00,00,000/-**	**10.09.2020 12.00 P.M**

(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of Administrative office, No. 3, Pampa Maha kavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18. (2) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit. The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, If the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms of Sale, time and commits default in any manner. (3) The successful bidders should deposit 25 % of the bid amount on the same day at the sale in cash/D.D. to the bank and the balance within 15 days from the date of sale. (4) The Successful bidders shall bear all expenses like st duty Registration fee etc., for getting the sale certificate Registered in his/her favour. (5) The authorised officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof. (6) For inspection of the property and other particular, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., Administrative office, or through phone No.26678572 / 26600512, they are at liberty to make their own Assessment / enquiry about the property.

Date : 19.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
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POSSESSION NOTICE

APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda Earlier Vijaya Bank, R C Road Branch, Bangalore** under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec.13(2), read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **Demand Notice dated 03.02.2020** calling upon the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor **1) Smt. Anitha G** D/o. Late C G Giridhar Rao, **Guarantor: 2) Mr. Vignesh S Shishir** S/o. Smt. Anitha Giridhar Rao both are residing at No. 190, 19th C Main Road, N Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore – 560010, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being under **Rs. 2,96,71,902.20** (Rupees Two Crore Ninety Six Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Nine Hundred Two and Twenty Paisa Only) as on **01.02.2020** plus interest from **02.02.2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor/Owner of the property in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **18th day of August 2020.**

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda Earlier Vijaya Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 3,12,55,978.20** (Rupees Three Crore Twelve Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Eight and Twenty Paisa Only) as on **17.08.2020** plus interest thereon along with cost.

Description of the Immovable Property: EMDTD of all that piece and parcel of the immovable property (Residential Site) Sarakki 4th Phase (Dollar Project) Bearing Site No. 41, Now Within the Jurisdiction of BBMP and Bearing Municipal No. PID No. 57-320-41 Situated at 2nd Main Road, 4th Phase, Dollars Layout, J P Nagar, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 18.30 Mtrs, North to South 12.20 Mtrs and Total Measuring 223.26 Square Meters and Bounded On East : Road, West : Property of BDA, North: Site No. 42, South: Site No. 40.

Date : 18.08.2020
Place : Bangalore

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT').

At their request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its below mentioned branches. The relevant particulars of the property on which they have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives / guidelines Issued d by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon them, was un-served/ not acknowledged / addressee left / this publication is now Issued.

1) Name and Address of the Borrower :- **Smt. N Anitha Rao W/o Sri. R. Hari Rao, No.429, 14th C Cross,2nd Stage, 2nd Phase, West of Chord Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru-86.**
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- **No.429, 2nd Stage, 2nd Phase, West of Chord Road, Mahalakshmipuram, BBMP Ward No. 14 of Nagapura, PID No. 14-99-429, Bengaluru.** Measuring :- **East to West: 9.10 Mtrs & North to South: 12.20 Mtrs.**
East by : **Site No. 430,** West by : **Site No. 428,** North by : **Road,** South by : **Site No. 417.**
Nature of Facility: **Long Term Loan of Rs. 75,00,000/-** A/c No :- **LTL(EMI):000247** Loan issued Date :- **27.10.2016**
Out Standing Loan Amount: - **Rs. 80,88,334/- (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Three Hundred & Thirty Four Only)**, As on **22.07.2020**, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.
Date of NPA :- **28.01.2020** Demand Notice dtd:-**22.07.2020** Branch: **HEAD OFFICE**

2) Name and Address of the Borrower :- **Smt. M.D. Lakshmamma W/o Sri. Muniyappa M.D, No. 168, 3rd Main, 7th Cross, Jakkasandra, Koramangala 1st Block, Bengaluru-34.**
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- **New Municipal No. 127, Old No. 49/20, 77th Cross, Jakkasandra Extension, Madiwala, PID No. 66-121-127, BMP Ward No. 66, Bengaluru.** Measuring :- **East to West: 32 feet & North to South: 42 ½ feet**
East by : **Krishnaswamy's House,** West by : **Rangaswamy's House,** North by : **Late. Muddanna's House,** South by : **Road**
Nature of Facility: **Long Term Loan of Rs. 13,00,000/-** A/c No :- **LTL:001416** Loan issued Date :- **28.02.2013**
Out Standing Loan Amount: - **Rs. 8,20,334/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Twenty Thousand Three Hundred & Thirty Four Only)**, As on **10.07.2020**, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.
Date of NPA :- **29.10.2019** Demand Notice dtd:-**13.07.2020** Branch: **KORAMANGALA**

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section (2) of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtained written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.
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Place : Bangalore
Date : 19.08.2020

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8 (1) (for immovable property)(Symbolically)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers /legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers /legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule.
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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sl.No.	Name of the Loanee	Balance outstanding	Particulars of Immovable Property & Measurement
KORAMANGALA BRANCH			
1.	**Smt. P. Hemavathi**	Demand Notice Dated : **27.01.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **17-08-2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 37,80,811/- as on : 17.08.2020**	**No.13, Old No. 13/14, 5th B Main Road, Madiwala Extension, BBMP Ward No. 66, Madiwala, PID No. 66-52-13, Bengaluru.** Measuring: **East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 30 feet** East by : **Property belongs to K. Babu & Bhagyalakshmi** West by : **Property No. 1/14 belongs to Papanna,** North by : **Road** South by : **Property belongs to Sathya Narayana Reddy**
2.	**Sri. Sridhar. N & Prakash. N**	Demand Notice Dated : **24.01.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **17-08-2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 6,79,253/- as on : 17.08.2020**	**No.20, 1st Main Road, Jakkasandra, Begur Hobli, PID No. 68-94-20, Bengaluru.** Measuring: **East to West : 63+51 / 2 feet & North to South : 35+40 / 2 feet** East by : **Road,** West by : **Muniyappa's property,** North by : **Site No. 02,** South by : **BDA Road.**
3.	**Smt. Saraswathi R**	Demand Notice Dated : **24.09.2019** Possession Notice Dated : **17-08-2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 16,56,966/- as on : 17.08.2020**	**No.13, Sampangi Ramaiah Garden, BBMP Ward No. 71 of Austin Town, PID No. 71-6-13, Bengaluru.** Measuring: **East to West : 30 feet & North to South : 22 feet** East by : **Schedule B Property,** West by : **NCD Muniswamy's House** North by : **Road,** South by : **NCD Muniswamy's House**
4.	**Smt. Krishnamma**	Demand Notice Dated : **09.12.2019** Possession Notice Dated : **17-08-2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 4,04,166/- as on : 17.08.2020**	**Old No. 39/A, New No. 39/11, PID No. 66-71-39/11, 6th Cross, Madiwala, BMP Ward No. 66, Bengaluru.** Measuring: **East to West : 30 feet or 9.14 Mtrs & North to South : 24 feet or 7.30 Mtrs** East by : **Site No. 40A,** West by : **Site No. 38 A** North by : **Road,** South by : **Private property**

Date : 19.08.2020
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TRACKING COVID-19

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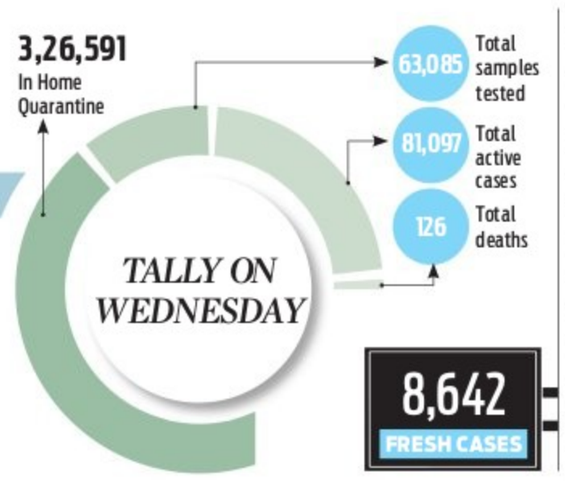

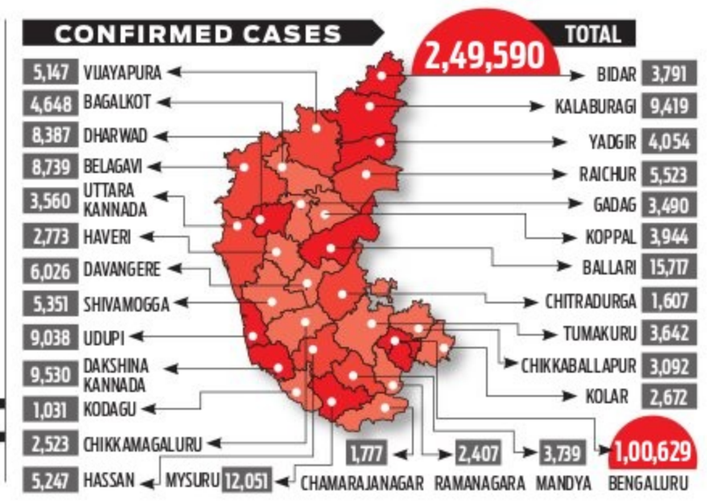

TURNING A DEAF EAR

EXPERTS' ADVICE TO UP O_2 SUPPLY IGNORED

Had studied global crisis, suggested oxygen tanks for big hospitals, ramping up of oxygen production

Basavanagudi MLA Ravi Subramanya inspects the rapid testing centre in Gavipura, Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

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IT appears that the Karnataka government ignored warnings from experts on the need to scale up the oxygen supply system, which was recommended during the initial phase of the pandemic in the state. A letter written in April by the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine's Karnataka chapter told the government to invest in liquid oxygen tanks, as opposed to oxygen cylinders, in hospitals with more than 150-200 beds.

They had recommended in March and April that oxygen production capacity be increased by 1.5 to 2 times. Recently, it was the shortage of liquid oxygen that caused 47 Covid-19 patients who were on oxygen support, to be shifted from Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences to three other government hospitals in Bengaluru.

In the letter dated April 23, Dr Pradeep Rangappa, national vice-president of the Society, wrote to Minister for Medical Education Dr K Sudhakar, saying, "Oxygen availability has been an issue in many western countries handling the pandemic. Preparing uninterrupted oxygen delivery is of paramount importance to tide over this crisis. In normal times, 20% to 25% of beds would be using oxygen continually, now all beds will be using oxygen 24/7."

"Oxygen cylinders cannot handle this load. Liquid oxygen tanks, once filled, can supply oxygen for 4 to 5 days. Foolproof supply chain logistics in place for uninterrupted oxygen supply has to be ensured," Dr Rangappa wrote.

A suggestion in another letter said the liquid oxygen supply chain has to be thought out and a system has to be in place, if the need arises. All production companies should be apprised about the impending demand, the letter stated. Doubling production of cylinders with quick turnover time has to be discussed in detail, if a surge occurs, the experts recommended.

A member of the society said on condition of anonymity, "They spent crores on fancy ventilators instead of spending on liquid oxygen tanks, which cost Rs 10 lakh-15 lakh per hospital. We informed Additional Chief Secretary of Health and Family Welfare Jawaid Akhtar, ministers Sudhakar and Sriramulu as well as medical education department Principal Secretary TK Anil Kumar of the need early on, looking at the pandemic in Italy, China and other countries."

While one oxygen cylinder has a capacity of 7,000 litres, a liquid oxygen tank can hold 2 lakh litres. Minister Sudhakar was unreachable for comment.

Oxygen availability has been an issue in many western countries. Preparing uninterrupted oxygen delivery is of paramount importance to tide over this crisis
Dr Pradeep Rangappa, national VP, Society of Critical Care Medicine

Israel helps B'luru govt hospitals get oxygen concentrators

Bengaluru: Israel has helped procure 25 oxygen concentrators to be distributed in government hospitals of Bengaluru. The consignment arrived at Karnataka State Drugs Logistics and Warehousing Society on Monday after Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and MASHAV — Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation — allocated a special budget for this. An oxygen concentrator is a device that concentrates oxygen from a gas supply, typically ambient air, by selectively removing nitrogen to supply an oxygen-enriched product gas stream. This is then supplied to oxygen beds in hospitals for critically sick Covid-19 patients. The Consulate General of Israel to South India has partnered with Bangalore Political Action Committee (B-PAC) for this effort. Managing Trustee and CEO of BPAC Revathy Ashok and her team had had assisted in locating local vendors who can supply the necessary units.

Labs rejecting test samples will face action

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JUST like private hospitals, private labs declining to take samples for Covid-19 testing and piling up a backlog will be penalised and booked. This decision was taken by Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials on Wednesday.

At a meeting with health and civic authorities from across the state, via video conference, the minister sought to know why there was a backlog, and was informed that private labs were refusing samples. Sudhakar asked officials to take action against them.

Sources from BBMP told The New Indian Express: "As the government is working on ramping up testing to one lakh samples a day, there is a need to clear backlog. For this, testing needs to be ramped up in government and private labs. Many private labs are rejecting samples because of backlog, shortage of manpower and facilities. Despite strict government orders to have automated machines, they are doing RT-PCR analysis manually and working single shift. This is leading to delay in identifying patients and treating them. So it was decided to list out such labs and take action against them."

It was also decided to help upgrade manpower at Kidwai and Nimhans labs with lab aggregators, swab aggregators and data entry operators. "At government labs, civic authorities will supply manpower, but at private labs, since the government is paying them, they will have to enhance manpower and facilities themselves. If it is not done, the labs can be shut down," the source said.

This decision holds good for the entire state. "The minister said that action should also be taken if labs decline to accept samples for testing or even if they refer it to another lab. The officials were instructed to streamline the process, ensure equi-distribution of samples and ensure that labs are not overburdened," the source said.

In all, there are eight government labs and 21 private labs in Bengaluru alone for Covid-19 testing, yet there is a backlog of 30,000-40,000 samples.

At the meeting, Sudhakar said that now on, Covid test reports can be accessed online using the SRF ID. The reports will be available on www.covidwar.karnataka.gov.in/service1

People walk outside the Covid ward on Dr BR Ambedkar Medical College premises in Bengaluru, on Wednesday | VINODKUMART

For early detection and treatment, we need to conduct more Covid tests. Government and private medical colleges are lagging behind in achieving the target. Obstacles to conducting maximum tests are being looked into, and the government will extend all help
Dr K Sudhakar, Medical Education Minister

Health workers collect throat swabs ahead of Ganesha Chaturthi, in Malleswaram, on Wednesday | SHRIRAM BN

K'taka reports 8K-plus cases again, fatalities high in the last few days

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ON Wednesday, Karnataka was back with recording 8,000 plus cases. The number of cases recorded was 8,642, taking the tally to 2,49,590 cases.

In the past four days, the number of deaths has been crossing 110 cases. On August 16 (Sunday), the number of deaths recorded was 126, on Monday 115, on Tuesday 139 and on Wednesday it was 124 cases. The total number of deaths stand at 4,327.

This apart, from the beginning of the pandemic until August 15, the state reported only eight non-Covid deaths. On Wednesday, the number jumped to 16. Chamarajanagar district alone has reported eight non-Covid deaths.

In the past 10 days, the number of discharges crossed 6,500. On Wednesday, the discharges were 7,201.

Bengaluru Urban continues to record 2,000 cases and above. The number recorded on Wednesday was 2,804. Now the total positives in Bengaluru is closer to the 1 lakh mark, at 96,910.

Of the 124 deaths, Bengaluru recorded 56, which is high compared to the past tally. The total deaths in the city stand at 1,588.

The other districts which recorded a high number of cases were Mysuru with 562, followed by Ballari with 537 cases and Belagavi with 379. Dharwad saw 253 cases and Dakshina Kannada reported 234.

Mysuru saw five deaths taking the total toll to 320.

While Chamarajangara district reported 111 fresh cases and 106 discharges taking the active case count to 1,352, Mandya reported 185 cases, taking the tally to 1,507. Both the districts did not report any deaths on Wednesday.

BBMP to HC: 816 civic workers have tested +ve

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THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Wednesday informed the Karnataka High Court that 816 pourakarmikas had tested positive for Covid-19 and that it had conducted 11,902 Rapid Antigen Tests and 3,872 RT-PCR tests until August 14.

BBMP counsel V Sreenidhi made the submission to a division bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar, in response to the directions of the court.

In its statement, BBMP said the pourakarmikas tested included supervisors, drivers, helpers, and other staff involved in solid waste management and Covid management. Of the 816 pourakarmikas who have contracted the disease, 423 have been hospitalised, 341 are in Covid Care Centres, and 52 are in home quarantine.

BBMP said symptomatic and asymptomatic cases are being differentiated. Pourakarmikas who have symptoms and those who tested negative on a Rapid Antigen Test are being subjected to confirmatory RT-PCR test according to the Health and Family Welfare department guidelines. The bench directed the BBMP to ascertain whether pourakarmikas in home isolation have proper facilities.

BBMP also said that salaries for August had already been credited to the accounts of all pourakarmikas.

COVID WATCH

Former MLA Guruswamy succumbs to virus

Mysuru: BJP leader and former Chamarajanagar MLA C Guruswamy (68) died of Covid-19 at a private hospital on Wednesday. He had tested positive on August 5 and was admitted to JSS hospital in Mysuru. He was laid to rest as per Covid norms at his farm. The family appealed to his followers and party workers to not take part in the cremation. Guruswamy, an advocate, had started his political career as a Janata Party and Janata Dal worker. District Minister Suresh Kumar expressed grief over Guruswamy's demise, saying he had just recently met the former MLA. ENS

Forum helps critical Covid patients get plasma

Mangaluru: Mangaluru-based organisation Blood Help Care Karnataka is helping in the treatment of critical Covid patients via plasma donations. In the last one week, the organisation has helped 10 patients. Its convenor Shamshuddin Balkunje said on Wednesday that many more people are ready to donate, but the journey to Bengaluru is discouraging them. He urged authorities to set up a plasma separation and collection facility in Mangaluru soon. Nawaz Melangadi, a plasma donor said, "It is a simple procedure. One person's plasma can save two lives," he said. For more details, contact 9035319850. ENS

'INDIAN DEFENCE INDUSTRY SHOULD RISE TO OCCASION'

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"SINCE the government has taken the call, the industry has to accept the fact that if they want a market, they better pull up their socks and start delivering things in time. Everyone understands that there will be some teething troubles," says Dr Ajey Lele.

"Platform technologies are going to be challenging. The earlier we do it, the better it is for the future. Industry will quickly reorient itself to get into the groove and address these issues," he added.

Dr Kota Harinarayana, former Director, Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) - known as the 'Father of LCA Project' - says the 'Tejas' created an ecosystem in terms of development of technology, equipment and manufacturing of components. "That is what makes the country undertake indigenous production of most of the equipment," says Dr Harinarayana, in whose honour the letters "KH' have been inscribed on the aircraft. "The LCA is already indigenous; they will not import any lightweight fighters," he said.

Prior to taking up the LCA project, only Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) was designing and developing aircraft. Now, many agencies including ADA, National Aerospace Laboratory (NAL), Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) and others, besides a number of private firms, are part of aircraft development projects. "India's capability and capacity is such that the decision can be adhered to and even (the list can be) expanded," he added.

"It is a very good decision. The list is small, there are many more items that can be added to it," concurs Dr C G Krishnadas Nair, former CMD of HAL and Honorary President, Society of Indian Aerospace Technologies & Industries (SIATI). According to him, Indian industries will be able to deliver quality products without delay, and the cost too will be lower.

Most items like LCA, Light Combat Helicopter, Basic Trainer, are manufactured here. What government wants to do now is not put pressure of competition on local industry by importing

Air Marshal B K Pandey (retd), former Chief, IAF Training Command, B'luru

HAL can now expedite projects for faster induction into Armed Forces: HAL chief

Bengaluru: Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd Chairman and Managing Director R Madhavan said the move to ban the import of 101 defence items gives a major boost to the Indian defence manufacturing ecosystem. "This is positive news for HAL, as all our major platforms, including LCA Mk1A, Light Combat Helicopter, Basic Trainer Aircraft (HTT-40), Fixed Wing Mini UAVs and Transport Aircraft (Do-228), etc, are on the list," he stated. With assured orders, a large number of Tier-2 and Tier-3 vendors will now come forward to partner with the Indian industry as the products will be exclusively manufactured in India. There will also be greater visibility for small players. The aerospace ecosystem can be further nurtured and the industry can build infrastructure capability for fulfilling the projects, he said. "HAL can now expedite the projects for faster induction into the Armed Forces and its resources can be optimally utilised. As an industry leader, HAL will further strengthen its role as an integrator, providing impetus to many more aerospace initiatives to build a self-reliant India. It is important that all stakeholders handhold and strengthen the Make-in-India drive," he added. ENS

BBMP on Wednesday recovered 10 acres of encroached property on Survey number 145, Hombegowda Nagar on Bannerghatta Road. A khata number was also generated for the property in the name of the BBMP. Earlier, the Mayor had inspected the area and directed officials to recover the property

Jamboo Savari could be big miss this yr

Covid pandemic likely to rob Dasara of grandeur; two months to go, and no word on preparations

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THIS year, the world-famous Mysuru Dasara is likely to be an abbreviated, low-sparkle edition, as the Covid pandemic continues to play party-pooper, eight months into 2020. The floods, too, could impact the celebrations.

For starters, the grand Jamboo Savari may be dropped, apart from the cultural carnival accompanying it. The Savari, the finale of the Nada Habba, is the procession of elephants from Mysuru Palace to Bannimantap. Other celebrations are also likely to be low-key.

A senior IFS officer said, on condition of anonymity, that there is no word yet on the movement of Dasara elephants. Usually, the elephants are picked from various camps and taken to Mysuru to be trained. "We need at least 70 days for these animals to familiarise themselves with each other. The normal procedure is for the Mysuru DC to write to the forest department for approval. But even today, we have not received any letter from the DC," the officer said.

Jamboo Savari is a huge draw during Dasara

> The number of Covid cases is increasing and it is not feasible to hold the Jamboo Savari this year
> Minister

This year, the 10-day celebrations begin in the second week of October and culminate on October 25, Vijayadashmi, the day of the Jamboo Savari. The elephants are diligently trained for the big day, especially the lead elephant which carries the Golden Howdah, made of pure gold and weighing 750kg. They are also trained to get used to the overwhelming crowds. Every year, 35 lakh to 40 lakh people attend the ten-day festivities, and more than one lakh attend the Dasara procession on the tenth day.

It is precisely due to this that the Karnataka government is rethinking the Jamboo Savari. A minister told *TNIE* that it is not likely to be held this year. "The number of Covid cases is increasing and it is not feasible to hold the Jamboo Savari this year. The performance of folk artistes too may be cancelled," he said.

However, there will be no restrictions on the traditional celebrations by the Wadiyar royal family members. "Celebrations will be held only within the Palace premises," the minister said.

If this happens, it will be only the second time in the over 400-year history of the festival, which started in 1610 in Srirangapatna and later moved to Mysuru. The first was in 1953, when a clash between upper caste and Dalit wrestlers outside the Palace left a few people dead and many injured. The celebrations was cancelled on the inaugural day.

When contacted, Mysuru District-in-Charge Minister ST Somashekar said the issue is likely to be discussed during the cabinet meeting on Thursday. "Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa is coming to Mysuru on August 21 to offer Bagina to KRS. He will give more details," he added.

BJP leader files plaint against Twitter over post

KARWAR: A BJP leader from Yellapur filed a complaint against Twitter for allegedly hosting anti-India statements made by a banned pro-Khalistan group.

In his complaint, Prasad Hegde, BJP general secretary of Yellapur taluk, said the Ministry of Home Affairs had banned Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) in 2019. But its Twitter account is active and the organisation's chief Gurupatwant Singh had made a "provocative" tweet on 'Khalistan Day', he said.

"This tweet has been shared widely by two people on Twitter. We have lodged a complaint against the duo," Hegde stated in his complaint. **ENS**

EXPRESS READ

Truck driver kills transport firm manager

Bengaluru: A transport firm manager was stabbed to death by a truck driver at RMC Yard on Tuesday night. Police said personal rivalry might have led to the murder. The deceased is Prashanth (29), a resident of Laggere. The police are on the lookout for Soma, a truck driver. Prashanth, who assigned duties to truck drivers, had frequent arguments with Soma over professional issues. On Tuesday, Soma came to the office at 9 pm, allegedly picked up a quarrel with Prashanth and stabbed him with a dagger. Soma is absconding. **ENS**

Pangolin trading gang busted in C'magaluru

MEERA BHARDWAJ @Bengaluru

CHIKKAMAGALURU territorial forest officials and forest police have unearthed a big pangolin trading gang with links to other cities in the country. They trapped a 10-member gang involved in hunting and trading pangolins.

The gang comprising 10 youths from different villages bordering Bhadra forests were nabbed on Tuesday night when they were trying to sell pangolin scales. According to forest officials, they had killed three pangolins in Muthodi, Kalasapura and Belur. The gang had formed a local network for trading scales.

Tracking the network after receiving information, officials arrested the youths who were estate and timber workers. One of them is a real estate agent and one a painter. They are Abdul Rehman (habitual offender) from Uppalli, Chikkamagaluru town, Navid Basha from Kalsapura, Mallesha and Dharmesha from Hosambala near Muthodi Range, Sundresha from Mallaluru, Vishwanath and Mahendra from Nagarahalli, Pradeep and Srinivasa from Sakrepatna and Mohan Kumar from Javagal. Basha and Pradeep are wildlife traders dealing in snakes, tortoises and other species.

In all, 6kg of pangolin scales were recovered. Preliminary probe revealed their activity started with hunting pangolins near Bhadra Tiger Reserve while trading of its scales were traced to Bengaluru and Chennai.

Chikkamagaluru territorial DCF Jaganath said, "We have found a link from Belur to Bengaluru and it goes deep, maybe, to global markets like China. All 10 are in judicial custody for 14 days."

FOR DRIVERS' RIGHTS

Members of the Aam Aadmi Party's auto wing held a protest at Anandrao Circle in Bengaluru on Wednesday. Their demand is that Covid-19 relief amount of Rs 5,000 be given to all autorickshaw drivers | SHRIRAM BN

Protector of Emigrants rescues two migrants

BALA CHAUHAN@Bengaluru

TWO migrant workers who went overseas through registered foreign recruitment agencies in Bengaluru were rescued by the Protector of Emigrants, Ministry of External Affairs, when they complained to the Indian embassies of unviable working conditions.

Last year, Fairoz and Ahmed (names changed) approached registered foreign recruitment agencies for overseas jobs. Fairoz, who was working as a tailor, had applied for a job in a tailoring unit in Johor Bahru in Malaysia. In November, he left for his new job.

"I got in touch with a registered foreign recruitment agency in Bengaluru to verify the company's credentials. They okayed it and processed my travel papers after I paid them Rs 50,000. The company had assured me and the agent that they would give me a work permit and get me my work visa. When I reached there, they refused to give me the work permit," narrated Fairoz.

He said he refused to work without a permit and after much persuasion, his employer asked him for his passport to get his permit processed. "They made me work for long hours and slowly stopped paying my salary. I was getting desperate because my travel visa had expired. I contacted the agency in Bengaluru, and they told me to get in touch with the Indian Embassy in Malaysia," he said.

Soon after Fairoz wrote to the embassy, he got a call from Shubham Singh, Protector of Emigrants (PoE), Bengaluru. "I narrated my plight and told him that I wanted to return to India. The PoE helped me get back. I also got a refund of Rs 20,000 from the recruitment agency," said Fairoz.

Ahmed's story is no different. He got a job with a logistic firm in Dammam, Saudi Arabia. "I went through a registered agency. On reaching Dammam, I was made to work in a taxi call centre for 15-16 hours a day, which is against their laws. They stopped paying salary," he said.

He said his employers refused to give him a company visa and said they would give him a third-party visa instead. "I got in touch with the Indian Embassy as I wanted to return but could not leave Saudi Arabia without an exit visa. The PoE, Bengaluru, helped me. I am now waiting for the 'Vande Mission' flight back to India," he narrated.

Shubham Singh, PoE, Bengaluru, told *TNIE* that they were able to help repatriate Fairoz and Ahmed and got part of their money back because they had gone abroad through registered recruiting agents.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued to the general public that, my client **K. Gayathri W/o K.V. Shankaracharl** intends to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder with its owner **T. Padmavathi W/o L. Chandrashekar** if anybody has any sort of objection or claim over the said property may approach the address mentioned below with all original documents in support of their claim in respect of the schedule property within **7 days** from today and any objections/claim received thereafter shall not be entertained or considered and my client shall proceed to complete the sale process in respect of the schedule properties treating no objections from anybody.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of an house bearing Corporation Municipal No.32, PID.No.35-8-32, Bangalore City Corporation Old 21, Present 29th Division, present comes under the jurisdiction of **BBMP, Ward No.35, 1st Main, Marenahalli, Vijayanagara, Bangalore,** measuring East- West : 35-0 feets and North - South : 30-0 feet in total **1050 Sq.ft,** along with 8 square R.C.C. Roof residential house. **BOUNDED ON :**

East by : Passage Road
West by : Passage Road
North by : Road,
South by : Property of Doddakalappa.

Raghavendra H.S, Advocate,
28/2, 20th Main, Opp. to Sai Krupa Hospital, Vijayanagara, Bangalore-40.
Mobile : 9480366848, 9844094953
Bangalore Date : 19-08-2020

KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests
Bangalore Urban division, Aranya Bhavan Campus. 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003, Ph: 080-23343464, Fax: 080-23343464, E-mail: dcfurban82@yahoo.co.in

No.: A9/Tree cutting/CR-154/2019-20 Date: 18.08.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the kind notice of all citizens and environmentalists of Bengaluru Urban District that in the stretch between Byappanahalli Metro Station to Whitefield Metro station, Metro Construction work is being undertaken near Lake Bund Road in Sy. No. 55 & 82 of Benniganahalli village in the road going from Bengaluru to Old Madras Road. 91 Trees consisting of 31 Rosewood Trees and 60 trees of mixed Species are infringing Metro Work at this place. In this background suggestions and objections are invited from all citizens and environmentalists in terms of Section 8(3) (vii) of the Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act 1976.

Therefore it is requested that suggestions and objection if any, in this regard may be submitted in writing to the office of the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this advertisement.

Sd/-
Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Bangalore Urban Division, Bangalore.

DIPR/DDU/SSC/830/2020-21

STATE BANK OF INDIA
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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREIN AFTER CALLED THE 'ACT')

At your request, the Bank, has extended credit facility to the below mentioned borrower against secured assets through its **B M Road, Channapatna Branch** as under. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement / documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of the title deeds are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guideliness issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice dated as mentioned below sent by register AD calling upon you, was unserved/ not acknowledged, this notice is now issued.

A/C No: HBL/64114892031/64114892166/DRS
1. Name & Address of the Borrowers: Sri H Venkataramu S/o Late Honnaiah & Sri H Rajendra Prasad S/o Late Honnaiah,
Both Res./@: Ramapura village, Channapatna Taluk 562160 & Sri H Rajendra Prasad Also @: Kolar Taluk Office, Kolar 563101.
Liability: Rs.5,05,094/- (Rupees Five Lakh Five Thousand Ninety Four Only) inclusive of interest as on 06.07.2020.
NPA Date: 22.12.2019 **Demand Notice Date: 07.07.2020**
Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Khaneshumari Old No. 472/276/2, New No. 507/276/2, measuring 1000 sqft situated at Rampura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Standing in the Joint name of Venkataramu & Rajendra Prasad, and bounded on:
East by: Property of Varadaiah, **West by:** Gadi Ramanna, **North by:** Property of Jayamma, **South by:** Road.

A/C No: APML/64145904211/DRS
2. Name & Address of the Borrowers: Sri B Ravi S/o Boregowda, Smt Jyothi W/o B Ravi,
1336, Shastri Beedhi, Fort, Channapatna 562160
Liability: Rs.3,05,028/- (Rupees Three Lakh Five Thousand Twenty Eight Only) inclusive of interest as on 06.07.2020.
NPA Date: 01.08.2018 **Demand Notice Date: 07.07.2020**
Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Khata Old No. 123, New No.226/210, Haroor village, Mylanayakanahalli Dakhale, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk. Standing in the name of Smt. Jyothi, measuring 27' x 51' and bounded on: **East by:** House of Shivananjundaiah, **West by:** House of Huchegowda, **North by:** House of Ravishankar, **South by:** Road.

A/C No: HBL/64157905017/64157905062/DRS
3. Name & Address of the Borrowers: Sri Suresh A S/o Anniyappa, Smt Radha N W/o Suresh
A-2, Raghavendra Badavane, Near St. Annes School, Channapatna 562160
Liability: Rs.10,81,248/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Eighty One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Eight Only) inclusive of interest as on 06.07.2020.
NPA Date: 04.07.2017 **Demand Notice Date: 07.07.2020**
Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal Khata No. 4518, Municipal Door No. 2223/E-1, Situated at II Cross, Kuvempunagar, Ward No. 6, Channapatna Town, Standing in the name of Smt. Radha N, measuring 43' x 12' and bounded on:
East by: House of K Dhanalakshmi, **West by:** 2nd Cross Road, **North by:** House of Kalamariyappa, **South by:** House of Padma.

A/C No: APML/64211068328/DRS
4. Name & Address of the Borrowers: Sri Krishnappa S/o Kariyappa, Smt. Padmamma W/o Krishnappa
Honniganahalli village, Vandaraguppe Gramapanchayath, Channapatna Taluk 562160
Liability: Rs.4,71,045/- (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy One Thousand Forty Five Only) inclusive of interest as on 06.07.2020.
NPA Date: 01.04.2018 **Demand Notice Date: 07.07.2020**
Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the bearing Property No. 15290010310120057 4, Khata No. 428/82/2/41, Situated at Honniganahalli Village, Vandaraguppe Gramapanchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Standing in the name of Krishnappa & Padmamma measuring 40' x 30' and bounded on:
East by: Remaining Land, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No. 42, **South by:** Site No. 40.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13. you shall not trasfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date: 19.08.2020
Place: Channapatna
Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India,
B M Road, Channaptna Branch

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Retail Assets Central Processing Centre
73, Shantharam Bestowal 1st Floor, Lalbagh Main Road, Sudhama Nagar, Bengaluru-560027

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES CHARGED/MORTGAGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

The undersigned as Authorised Officer of State Bank of India has taken possession of the following properties under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act. The borrower in particular and Public at large are informed that e-auction (under SARFAESI Act, 2002) of the Charged/Mortgaged properties in the below mentioned account for realization of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the terms & conditions as specified hereunder:

1. Name & Address of the Borrowers/ Mortgagor	**1.Sri Raghavendra Deshpande** S/o. Sri. Bhimarao Deshpande,339/Y, "SAI Kuteera", 2nd Cross, Gururaj Layout, 7th Block, 4th Phase, Behind Mane Thindi, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru – 560 050. **Also at: 2. Sri Raghavendra Deshpande** S/o. Sri. Bhimarao Deshpande, Flat No. 301, 2nd Floor, "SAI Siddhidhata" Residency,No.274, 5th Main, 4th Cross, 60 feet Road, Uttarahalli,Banashankari 5th Stage, Bengaluru – 560 061. **3. Sri Raghavendra Deshpande** S/o. Sri. Bhimarao Deshpande,Conet Technologies Pvt. Ltd., No.716, J C Plaza, 42nd Cross, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Near ESI Signal, Bengaluru – 560 010 **4. Smt. Geetha B.** W/o. Sri Raghavendra Deshpande, 339/Y, "SAI Kuteera", 2nd Cross, Gururaj Layout, 7th Block, 4th Phase, Behind Mane Thindi, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru – 560 050. **Also at: 5. Smt. Geetha B.** W/o. Sri Raghavendra Deshpande, Flat No. 301, 2nd Floor, "SAI Siddhidhata" Residency, No.274, 5th Main, 4th Cross, 60 feet Road, Uttarahalli,Banashankari 5th Stage, Bengaluru – 560 061.
Name of the Guarantor	-NA-
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which properties is being sold	**Rs.56,46,256/-** (Rupees fifty six lakhs forty six thousand and two hundred fifty six only) as on 04-05-2020 and interest from 05-05-2020 & expenses thereon, with incidental expenses, costs.
Demand Notice Date	**25.10.2018**
Name of Title Deed Holder	**Sri Raghavendra Deshpande** S/o. Sri. Bhimarao Deshpande and Smt. Geetha B. W/o. Sri Raghavendra Deshpande

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/RACPC/LBG/04/2020-21

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Flat No. 301 on the Second Floor, as per BBMP Khata No. 317/274/S-301, situated at "SAI SIDDHIDATA RESIDENCY", 4th Cross, 5th Main, Bhanashankari 5th Stage, Uttarahalli, Bangalore with super built up area of 1200 sqft with Two Bedrooms, Kitchen, Dining, Living, Pooja Cabin, Utility, Balcony for Dining Room, Granite Flooring with one car parking in stilt level inclusive of BESCOM and BWSSB Deposits, together with right, title, interest, privileges, appurtenances, common areas, common open spaces such as lobbies, staircase lifts etc., common amenities and facilities thereto with 1/8th (300 sqft) undivided share in the property bearing Site No. 274, 4th Cross, 5th Main, Banashankari 5th Stage, Uttarahalli, Bangalore. Layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority formed in Sy No. 85 and 86 of Uttarahalli Sub-Range Ward No. 184, measuring East to West: 12.19 mtrs and North to South: 18.28 mtrs, in all 222.83 sq.mtrs, Bounded by: East: Site No. 273; West: Site No. 275; North: Road; South: BDA Land.

Date & Time of e-Auction	**Date: 21.09.2020** **Time: 60 Minutes From 1.00 P.M to 2.00 P.M.** with unlimited extension of five minutes for each bid, if the bid continues till the sale is concluded.
Reserve Price	**Rs.51,00,000/-** (Rs Fifty one lakhs only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**10% of the Reserve Price** **Rs.5,10,000/-** (Rs Five lakhs ten thousand only)
Bid Increment Amount	**In multiples of Rs.1,00,000/- of each bid**
EMD Remittance	Deposit through NEFT/ RTGS Transfer or online Transfer into the Through NEFT/RTGS transfer in favor "State Bank of India" to the credit of **Parking Account No. 37608323496.** with State Bank of India, RACPC Lalbagh branch **Branch Code: 40690** **IFS Code: SBIN0040690**
Date & Time for submission of request letter of partici pation /KYC Documents / Proof of EMD etc.	**On or before 19.09.2020 up to 4.00 P.M.**
Date and time of Inspection of properties	**16.09.2020 from 11.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M.**
2. Name & Address of the Borrowers/ Mortgagor	**Borrower: Sri. Balasubrmanya L.** S/o. Lakshman.G No.96/2, Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Nilaya,8th Main, 4th Cross, Begur Main Raod, Hongasandra Bengaluru – 560 068. **Also at:1. Sri. Balasubrmanya L.** S/o. Lakshman.G., Senior Support Engineer, MFX Infotech Pvt. Ltd. No. 104-P, Prestige Omage, 1st Floor, EP: IP Zone, 1st Phase, Whitefield,Bengaluru – 560 066. **2. Sri. Balasubrmanya L.** S/o. Lakshman.G., Flat No. 404,3rd Floor, Urban Retreat,Deepika Elite, Heelalgi Village,Attibeli Hobli, Anekal TalukBengaluru Urban District-562 106.
Name of the Guarantor	-NA-
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which properties is being sold	**Rs.39,60,849/-** (Thirty nine lakhs sixty thousand eight hundred forty nine only) as on 23-09-2019 and interest from 24-9-2019 & expenses thereon, with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.
Demand Notice Date	**22.01.2018**
Name of Title Deed Holder	**Sri. Balasubrmanya L.** S/o.Sri. Lakshman.G

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/RACPC/LBG/05/2020-21

All that piece and parcel of residential flat bearing No. 404 in 3rd floor with E-Khatha No. 150200100600520437 in the Apartment known as "Urban Retreat" consisting of Two Bedroom, measuring 1098 sq. ft. of super built up area with undivided land Share of 389.79 sq.ft. with one covered car parking space in the basement floor. Bounded by: East : Flat No. 403, West: open Space, North : Corridor and South : Open Space, the flat constructed in site converted property bearing 128, Katha No. 1003/226/128, Layout as Deepika Elite measuring East: 114 ft.; West: 112 ft.; North: 87 ft and South: 86 ft totally measuring 9770 sq.ft formed into residentially converted property measuring 10 acres and 2.5 guntas in the Sy.Nos. 22/1, 22/2, 24/2A2, 43/1A and 43/2A, situated at Heelalgi Village Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded by: East: Road; West: Private Property bearing No. Sy. No. 44; North: Road; South: Site No. 129.

Date & Time of e-Auction	**Date:21.09.2020** **Time: 60 Minutes From 11.00 A.M to 12.00 Noon** with unlimited extension of five minutes for each bid, if the bid continues, till the sale is concluded.
Reserve Price	**Rs. 29,86,000/-** (Rupees twenty nine lakhs eighty six thousand only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs.3,00,000/-**(Rupees three lakhs only)
Bid Increment Amount	**In multiples of Rs.30,000/- of each bid**
EMD Remittance	Deposit through NEFT/ RTGS Transfer or online Transfer into the Through NEFT/RTGS transfer in favor "State Bank of India" to the credit of **Parking Account No. 37608323496.** with State Bank of India, RACPC Lalbagh branch **Branch Code: 40690** **IFS Code: SBIN0040690**
Date & Time for submission of request letter of partici pation /KYC Documents / Proof of EMD etc.	**On or before 19.09.2020 up to 4.00 P.M.**
Date and time of Inspection of properties	**16.09.2020 from 11.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M.**

Terms and Conditions of the E-auction are as under:

E-Auction is being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS"** basis and will be conducted "Online". The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider. **M/s C1 India Private Limited, Gurgaon** at the web portal https://bankeauctions.com. E-Auction Tender Document containing online e-auction Bid Application, Declaration, General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available in web portal https://bankeauctions.com.

To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the properties. However, intending bidders should make their own independent enquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of properties put on auction and claims / rights / dues affecting the properties, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the Bank. The properties are being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims / rights / dues. No conditional bids will be accepted.

For further details regarding inspection of property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, RACPC Lalbagh, # 73, Shantharam Bestowal, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Main Road, Sudhamanagar, Bangalore – 560 027 during office hours, Tel : 080-22114022 / 22114021 or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, **M/s Sisir & Ravi Associates, Bengaluru, its representatives Sri. N.M. Rajendrakumar : 83108 85076 & Sri Ravi Kumar : 94839 72945** may contact the Bank's approved service provider M/s C1 India Private Limited, Gurgaon at the webportal www.bankeauctions.com). Helpline e-mail ID: support@bankeauctions.com, for any information on procedure of e-auction.

This is also a notice to the above named borrowers / guarantors / mortgagors about the holding of e-auction sale which has already been intimated vide notice for sale dated **17-08-2020.**

The sale shall be subject to rules / conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

The other terms and conditions of the e-auction are published in the following websites.

1. https://bankeauctions.com 2.www.sbi.co.in 3.www.tenders.gov.in.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 17.08.2020
Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, RACPC, Lalbagh, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that our client is intending to purchase the land bearing Sy. No. 23 (Now Sy. No. 23/2), measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 31 Guntas, situated at Ragihalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, from its absolute owner by name **Col. R. K. Vishwantha Reddy,** S/o. R. Krishna Reddy, Residing at Sy. No. 16/2, Kempapura Village, Yamalur Post, Bangalore-560037. Anybody having any claim, right or interest over the said property mentioned above or part of it shall submit to the undersigned Advocate with written objection along with documents **within 07 days.** After the stipulated period no claims will be entertained and our client will complete the transaction by getting the sale deed executed.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural property bearing Sy.No.23/2, measuring to an extent of 1 acre 31 guntas, situated at Ragihalli Village, JiganiHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on: East by : Land bearing Sy.No.22/1 belonging to Mr. Gowrishankar, West by : Land bearing Sy.No.23/1 belonging to LR's of Late Narasimhaiah (Confirming Party), North by : Sy.No.17 and Road, South by : Land belonging to Lalitha Reddy (LR of Late Rukminamma).

SHARATH G.
Sharath Law Associates, Advocates,
No. 504, 3rd Floor, 6th Cross, 6th Block,
Koramangala, Bangalore-560095.
Date :19-08-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the General Public that our client **Sri. S Ravindra Kumar,** has filed suit for partition and possession with consequential declaratory and Injunctive relief/s against his parents, brother and sister and the purchaser of the property in O.S No. 3484/2020 on 07/08/2020 pending before the Hon`ble Addl. City Civil and Session Judge, Bengaluru City, CCh No. 10 in respect of suit schedule A House property and Suit Schedule B agricultural Property which are Hindu Undivided Joint Family Properties and as such any alienations made and encumbrances created over the afore said suit schedule properties are not binding on our aforesaid client and so also any alienations or encumbrances made during the pendency of the above proceedings are not binding on our client and in case any such alienations are made or encumbrances created by anyone the same are null & void and our client is not at all responsible and such person/s are solely responsible at their own risks and costs.

SUIT SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY

Immovable property being portion of house property No. 268 out of Sy. No. 46-10-11 that measures East to West 37 ½ feet and North to South 88 ½ feet that situates at Yemalur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk now coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP of Marathahalli ward No. 86, Bengaluru Urban District in all measuring 3318.75 sq. ft. with the following boundaries :- On East By: - Chinnappa`s Property, On West by : Byrappa`s Property, On North by : Marappa`s Property, On South by : Road.

SUIT SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY

Agricultural Land bearing Sy. No. 91 measuring 2 acres (Two acres) that situates at Goravigere Village Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District with the following boundaries :-
On East By : Property belonging to Bellappa, Nagappa,and Radhakrishnappa, On West by : Property belonging to Hosakote Pillaiah, On North by : Property belonging to Muni nagappa and Krishnappa, On South by : Property belonging to Kodi Pappanna.

VYNIKA CHIKKANAGOUDAR
Advocate,
No. 25, 2nd Floor, Satya Palace, Building No. 51, Palace Guttahalli, B'lore- 03
Mob. 9986526146. Date : 19/08/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
(LOST OF DOCUMENTS)

WE, **Mr. Nisar Ahmed, Mr. Shahed Pasha and Fayaz Ahmed Jan,** have lost Original GPA and BBMP Records such as Betterment Charges Paid Receipt and Uttarapattara in **Respect of Property No. 51/44, Situated at Ilyas Nagar, Jaraganahalli, Bangalore,** Measuring 25 ft x 30, 630 ft and have lodge a Police Complaint, if found please Contact No. 9902288078.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client has misplaced the original Sale Deed dated 16-10-1974 registered as Document No. 2941 of 1974-75, Book I, Volume 1295, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Nelamangala pertaining to portion of land bearing Sy. No. 7/2A, measuring 5 Acres 20½ Guntas, situated in Makali Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru and a complaint in this regard has been lodged in the Cubbon Park Police Station, Bengaluru. Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid document is hereby required to forthwith deliver the same to the undersigned. Any person in wrongful possession of the said document will be prosecuted at their risk as to the costs and consequences thereof. Members of the Public are hereby cautioned against dealing with any person claiming to have a right over the aforesaid property on the basis of custody of the said document, and any such transaction shall not be binding on our client.

Date : August 20, 2020
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-
Prashant Shenoi, CrestLaw Partners
Advocates, No. 33, Xavier Layout
I Cross, Victoria Road, B'luru – 47

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client has negotiated with the present owners for the purchase of
(1) **BDA Site No.133/A, HBR Layout, 3rd Block (Sy.No.215 of Kachakaranahalli Village)** measuring North to South 9 Mtrs and East to West 6 Mtrs, bounded as **East by :** Site No.133/b, **West by :** Site No.133, **North by :** Site No.134/1(odd) and **South by :** 24 Mtrs Wide Road belonging to Mr. Syed Mujahid and Mr. Abdul Bari presently c/o No.49, M.M.Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore
(2) **BDA Site No.133/C, HBR Layout, 3rd Block (Sy.No.215 of Kachakaranahalli Village)** measuring North to South 9 Mtrs and East to West 6 Mtrs, bounded as **East by :** Site No.134/C, **West by :** Site No.133/B, **North by :** Site No.134/B(odd) and **South by :** 24 Mtrs Wide Road belonging to Mr. Firdouse Ahmed Khan and Mr. Abdul Bari presently c/o No.49, M.M.Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore
(3) **BDA Site No.133/B, HBR Layout, 3rd Block (Sy.No.215 of Kachakaranahalli Village)** measuring North to South 9 Mtrs and East to West 6 Mtrs, bounded as **East by :** Site No.133/C, **West by :** Site No.133/A, **North by :** Site No.134/1(odd) and **South by :** 24 Mtrs Wide Road belonging to Mr. Syed Aslam Parveez presently c/o No.49, M.M.Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore.

Any person or persons having/asserting any right, title or interest/claims or intending to oppose the said Purchase in any manner may file their objections to the undersigned within **FIFTEEN Days** from the date of publication of this notice hereof with documentary proof where after no such claims will be entertained and my clients will proceed with the Purchase of the said property.

(SYED TANVEER AHMED) Advocate,
No.14, Wellington Street,
Richmond Town, Bangalore - 560 025.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our Client intends to enter into definitive documents in respect of the immoveable properties measuring 2 acres 16 guntas comprising of 03 (three) land parcels at various survey numbers situated in Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk and morefully described in the Schedule hereunder (Schedule Properties), from its respective owners.

Any person/s having any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Properties or any part thereof, in any manner or objecting to such transaction in favour of our Client may, write to the undersigned with requisite documentary evidence within **fifteen (15) days** from the issuance of this public notice, failing which, our Client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

Any person dealing directly or indirectly with regard to any of the properties listed in the Schedule below or in any other manner shall be doing so at their own cost, risk and consequences and our Client shall not be responsible for any such acts.

SCHEDULE

Sl. No.	Survey No.	Owner Name	Extent		Boundaries
			Acres	Guntas	
1.	174	P. Byranna son of Doddamuni Pillappa and 08 other family members.	1	04	East by: Land in Sy. No. 176 & land belongs to Channarayappa; West by: Passage and tank; North by: Land belonging to Channarayappa; and South by: Passage.
2.	176		0	36	East by: Road; West by: Land in Sy. No. 174; North by: Land belongs to Pillappa & Channarayappa; and South by: Storm water drain.
3.	175/2 (Old No. 175)	S.C Chandrappa son of late Channappa and 03 other family members	0	16	East by: Land in Sy. No. 177 belonging to Hoovina thotada Nanjappa; West by: 14 ft. Road in same Sy. No. 175/2; North by: Land belonging to Sri S.C Gopalappa; and South by: Land in Sy. Nos. 174 & 176 belonging to P. Byranna.

Mr. Vishal Bhat
Anoma Legal, Advocate
First Floor, 695, 9th A Main, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560 038 India
Phone: +91 80 4375 6317, email: vishal.bhat@anomalegal.com

Place: Bangalore
Date: 20/08/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
FOR LOST OF DOCUMENT

The public are hereby notified that my client Smt.Uma.S W/o M.Shivaram residing at No.34, New No.466, Gowdanapalya, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore 560061 is the absolute owner of the property bearing No.34, New No.466, Gowdanapalya Gramatana, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560061 have lost / misplaced the original G.P.A. (notarised) executed by M. Krishnappa in favour of Mahadevamma on dated 17-02-1994 in respect of the above said property and in this regard she has lodged a police complaint on 19-08-2020 before the Crime Branch, Bangalore City Police. Any person who found / having custody of the same may kindly return / hand over or having any right, title, interest or change over the schedule property may lodged their objections, with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence by registered post within 7 days from the date of this publication and objections or claims recovered thereafter will not binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Property No.34, New No.466 situated at Gowdanapalya, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore-560061 measuring East to West 15 feet North to South 40 feet in all measuring 600 square feet and bounded on East by others property, West by others property, North by Road, South by others property.

C. KRISHNE GOWDA, Advocate
No.1/1, "Shreyas", Grape Garden, 1st Cross,
3rd Block, Thyagarajanagar, Bangalore-560028.
Ph: 9880799389
E-mail: krishnecgowda@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my clients **(1) SRI HEMANT KUMAR C JAIN,** S/o Chandulal Jain **(2) SMT. HEENA JAIN,** W/o Sri Hemant Kumar C Jain both are residing at No.MB704, 7th Floor, Mulberry Tower 3, Parkwest Apartments, Binny Mill Road, Binnypete, Bengaluru-560 023, are intending to purchase the schedule property and entered sale agreement from its owners SRI HARISH PREMJI GAMI, Son of Late Sri. Premji Bhanji Gami and SMT. GEETA HARISH GAMI, Wife of Sri Harish Premji Gami, both are residing at 13,1st Floor, 2nd Cross, 5th Main, S.R. Nagar, Bengaluru-560 027.

Any person/s having any right in or title to or claim against the schedule property or having any objection of whatsoever nature to the proposed sale transaction, may, **within 15 (Fifteen) days** hereof, lodge with the undersigned, his/her claim in this behalf together with the relevant documentary proof in support of such right, title, interest or claim or objection. If no such objection or claim is received within the above period, it will be presumed that, no person has any such claim and my client will proceed with the said sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Municipal No.140, PID No.48-37-140, Chinnaiah Lane, Lalbagh Road, 4th Cross Road, Doddabylakana Village, Bengaluru-560 027, measuring East to West : 21-0 feet and North to South 116.6 feet, including 6 ½ feet of common passage in all measuring 2448.6 sq.ft, along with building standing thereon on having 2300 sq.ft. built up area of old A.C. Sheet roofing with red oxide flooring and door and windows of jungle wood and bounded on: East by : Common passage, West by : Common passage, North by : 6.5 feet width common passage, South by : Now corporation Road & thereafter Municipal Drain.

C.V. ANNAIAH & ASSOCIATES
Advocates, No.72/15, Ground Floor,
BTS Main Road, Wilson Garden,
Bangalore-30. Mob. 9448316104.
Date : 19-08-2020

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RACPC, Malleshwaram, # 97, (Old No.136), Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park (West), Bengaluru-560020. Telephone: 080-25943730, Email : racpc.bz1@sbi.co.in

Under Rule 8(1) **POSSESSION NOTICE** (For immovable property)

Whereas **Account No: 35179153986**

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **State Bank of India,** RACPC Malleshwaram, Bengaluru under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **27.01.2020** calling upon the borrowers: **(1) Smt. Anitha Nikhil Dev** W/o Sri.B.R.Nikhil Dev and **(2) Sri.B.R.Nikhil Dev** S/o Sri. Ramachandra Ravindranath to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.40,69,142/-** (Rupees Forty Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand One Hundred Forty Two Only) as on **27.01.2020** and future interest from **28.01.2020** at contractual rate, cost, charges, expenses etc, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/mortgagers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property of the borrowers standing jointly in the names of **(1) Smt. Anitha Nikhil Dev** W/o Sri.B.R.Nikhil Dev and **(2) Sri.B.R.Nikhil Dev** S/o Sri.Ramachandra Ravindranath, described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **17.08.2020.**

The Borrowers/ Mortgagers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs.43,01,103/-** (Rupees Forty Three Lakh One Thousand One Hundred Three Only) as on **13.08.2020** and interest from **14.08.2020** & expenses thereon

The borrowers/mortgager's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Sy.No.1 and Sy.No.109, presently assigned BBMP amalgameted Khata No.100/109, all measuring 1 Acres 11 Guntas, converted vide Official memorandum bearing No.ALN(NAY)S.R.169/2013-14 and Official memorandum bearing No. ALN(NAY) S.R.189/2011-12 both passed by the Dy. Commissioner, Bengaluru, situated at Thirumenehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and bounded on : East by : Land bearing Sy. No.1 West by: Road and Land bearing Sy. No.109, North by: Road and Land bearing Sy. No.109 South by: Land bearing Sy. No.109 & Sy.No.1

SCHEDULE `B' : 547 Sq ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property memtioned in Composite Schedule A property (i.e. proportionate to the Super Built up Area.

SCHEDULE `C': All the part and parcel of Residential Flat bearing No. 017 in Ground Floor, measuring 1140 Sq.Ft. of super built up area, containing two bed rooms, with RCC roofing , vitrified tiles flooring and alluminium three track windows together with one covered Car parking space, along with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, terrace staircase, children's play area, swimming pool, club house and lift contained in the multistoried building constructed on the composite schedule of A property Known as COMMANDERS GALAXY standing in the Joint names of (1) Smt.Anitha Nikhil Dev W/o Sri.B.R.Nikhil Dev and (2) Sri.B.R.Nikhil Dev S/o Sri. Ramachandra Ravindranath and bounded on: East by: Passage to stair case West by: Open to Sky, North by :Open to Sky, South by: Flat No.2016.

Place: Bengaluru **Authorized Officer**
Date : 17.08.2020 **State Bank of India, RACPC Malleswaram, Bengaluru**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

SME BOMMASANDRA, 1st Floor, K.B. Royale Apartment, R. S. Gardenia Building, Hosur Main Road, Bommasandra, Bangalore-560 099.

AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the constructive/ physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of SME Bommasandra Branch of the Canara Bank, will be sold in **"As is where is", "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** on 03/09/2020, for recovery of Rs.1,91,90,981.85 (One Crore ninty one lakh ninty thousand nine hundred eighty one and paise eighty five only) due to the SME Bommasandra Branch of Canara Bank .

The reserve price will be Rs.93,00,000.00 (Rupees Ninety Three Lakhs Only) and Earnest Money Deposit of Rs.9,30,000 (Rupees Nine Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only).

Details and full description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any:-

All that piece and parcel of the property commercial complex bearing No. 13/1-2, First Floor, constructed on schedule A property bearing No.13/1, 100 Feet Road, BTM Layout Gurappana Palya, 1st Stage, BBMP ward No.64, PID No 64-84-13/1,measuring 1466.66 sq ft area with 2 covered car parking in stilt floor together with proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircase and other areas of common use in the name of Mr. Prabhakar and bounded

East by : Property No. 13 West by : Property No. 15
North by: Property No.9 & 10 South by: 100 Ft Road.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager, SME Bommasandra Branch, Canara Bank, (Ph: 080-27835495) and Mobile No: 9483532408 during Office hours on any working day.

DETAILED TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE NOTICE

1.	**Names and Address of the secured Creditor:**	Canara Bank, Sy No 51, K B Royale Apartment, 1st Floor, R S Gardenia, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore-560099 Phone: 080-27833466, 080-27835495 e-mail: cb2408@canarabank.com
2.	**Names and Address of the Borrower:**	i. Mr. V S VIJAY KUMAR ii. MRS. PRATHIBA VIJAY KUMAR Both of them residing at following address - No.8, 4th CROSS, 4TH MAIN, Kumara Park (West), Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020 iii. Mr. M PRABHAKAR No. 605, Shanthi Park, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560069.
3.	**Total liabilities :**	Rs.1,91,90,981.85 (One Crore ninty one lakh ninty thousand and nine hundred eighty one and paisa eighty five only) along with costs expenses and future interest @ 15.05% p.a compounded with monthly rest from 17/08/2020.
4.	• **Mode of auction:**	E Auction
	• **Details of Auction service provider:**	M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd. No 218, J P Royale, 1st Floor, Sampige Road, Malleswaram. Cell: 9480691777/8553643144
	• **Date and Time of Auction:**	03.09.2020, 11AM to 12PM.
	• **Place of Auction:**	Bangalore
5.	**Reserve price:**	Rs. 93,00,000.00 (Rupees Ninety Three Lakhs only)

Other terms and conditions:

a) The auction sale will be online e-auction-through the website.
b) The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer on 26.08.2020 between 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
c) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. Auction would commence at Reserve Price, but bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only).
d) Bidders are advised to go through the website http://www.indianbankseauction.com for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction proceedings.
e) Prospective bidders if required may avail online training on e-auction from M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd.
f) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
g) Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature, please contact the service provider M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd., No 218, J P Royale, 1st Floor, Sampige Road, Malleswaram. Cell: 9480691777/8553643144,email:eauction@ccsl.co.in
h) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, SME Bommasandra OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number 2408295000001
i) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details to Canara Bank SME Bommasandra by hand or by email.
i). Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.
ii). Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.
iii). Bidders Name. Contact No. Address, E Mail Id.
iv). Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD.
v).The intending bidders should register their names at portal http://www.indianbankseauction.com and get their User ID and pass word free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E-auction from the service provider, M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd, No 218, J P Royale, 1st Floor, Sampige Road, Malleswaram. Cell 91-9686196756, email: eauction@ccsl.co.in
j) EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest.
h) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again.
For sale proceeds of Rs. 50 Lacs (Rupees Fifty lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the rate 1% on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank.
k) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST registration charges etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
l) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the Internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or SME Bommasandra Branch who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements.

For further details contact: Canara Bank, Sy No 51, K B Royale Apartment, 1st Floor, R S Gardenia, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore-560099 Phone: 080-27833466, 080-27835495 e-mail:cb2408@canarabank.com

M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd. No 218, J P Royale, 1st Floor, Sampige Road, Malleswaram. Cell 9480691777 / 8553643144 email: eauction@ccsl.co.in
Website: https://www.indianbankseauction.com

Special Instruction/Caution : Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (internet failure, power failure etc) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back-up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date: 17.08.2020 For **CANARA BANK**
Place: Bangalore Authorised Officer

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RACPC, Malleshwaram, #97, (Old No.136), Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park (West) Bengaluru-560020. Telephone: 080-25943730, Email : racpc.bz1@sbi.co.in

Under Rule 8(1) **POSSESSION NOTICE** (For immovable property)

Whereas **A/c No: TL 10181862348**

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **State Bank of India, RACPC Malleswaram, Bengaluru** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **27.01.2020** calling upon the borrowers: **(1) Smt.Prameela M** W/o Sri.A.M. Shivanna and **(2) Sri.A.M.Shivanna** S/o Late Muthaiah to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.2,74,198/-** (Rupees Two Lakh Seventy Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety Eight Only) as on **27.01.2020** and further interest from **28.01.2020** at contractual rate, cost, charges, expenses etc, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Mortgager having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Mortgager and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property of the borrower **Smt. Prameela M W/o Sri.A.M.Shivanna,** described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **18.08.2020.**

The Borrowers/Mortgager in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs.2,98,232/-** (Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Two Only) as on **13.08.2020** and interest from **14.08.2020** & expenses thereon.

The borrowers/ mortgager's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of House Property bearing No.16 out of Sy.No.1906, Assessment No.57 situated at Saneguruvalli dhakale, Kamakshipalya measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 15 feet standing in the name of Smt.Prameela.M and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Factory of Kalki, North by: Other's Property, South by: Property of Radha at same Sy.No.16

Place: Bengaluru **Authorized Officer**
Date : 18.08.2020 **State Bank of India, RACPC Malleswaram, Bengaluru.**

KOSAMATTAM FINANCE LTD.
Head Office: M.K.C Building, Market Junction, M.L.Road, Kottayam. PIN-686001

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledgees in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted on following dates. The gold ornaments being Auctioned have been pledged by various borrowers who have failed to close the loan accounts and redeem the pledged gold ornaments despite being notified by letters sent by registered post. The lists of pledged gold ornaments taken up for auction have also been displayed at the respective branches. Please note that the items remaining un-auctioned shall be auctioned on any other date with out further notice. Changes if any, in the venue and date of auction shall be displayed at the venue on the date of auction mentioned below and no further notice regarding the change of date and time shall be issued.

Important Notice: The last date to redeem/release the Gold Loan Ornaments for the customers in the auction list will be 02.09.2020

CHIKKABALLAPUR DISTRICT & TALUK : Venue: Kosamattam Finance Ltd, Bhavani" Near Vani Talkies, Above Sangeetha Mobiles , BB Road, Chikballapur- 562101, Date: 05.09.2020, Time: 10.00 AM
List of pledges : **CHIKKABALLAPUR :** 4988 5052 5174 5199 5319 5455 5481 5545 5711 5740 5761 5783 5834 5911 5953 6016 6040 6051 6063 6071 6072 6121 6231 **GAURIBIDANUR :** 4359 4502 4535 4547 4548 4558 4586 4597 4626 4628 4634 4635 4952 5013 5528 5561 5636 5763 5771 5930 5948 5959 6063 6315 6341 6448 **SIDLAGHATTA:** 5838 5839 6041 6226 6234 6333 6460 6510 6801 7045

DEVANAHALLI TALUK: Venue: Kosamattam Finance Ltd, No.728/A, 1st Floor, Devanahalli Main Road, Budigere, Bengaluru- 562129 Date: 05.09.2020, Time: 12.30 PM
List of pledges : **BUDIGERE:** 19135 19138 19176 19522 20004 20167 20825 20940 21144 21295 **DEVANAHALLI :** 1058 5298 5445 5658 5673 6184 6237 **VIJAYAPURA:** 7426 7556 7576 7644 7661 7684 7781 7844 7857 8075 8092 8099 8171 8187 8213 8350 8612 8617 8669 8691 8692 8729 9024

BANGALORE NORTH TALUK : Venue:Kosamattam Finance Ltd, Rssegional office, No.33/3,1st floor, Above little square, M.V.R Building, Near Indian Academy, Hennur, Bangalore-560043. Date: 05.09.2020, Time: 02.00 PM
List of pledges : **BABUSAPALYA:** 17031 17133 17229 17521 17781 17975 18074 18104 18106 18409 18491 18598 18648 **COX TOWN:** 6998 6999 7034 7078 7081 7083 7084 7085 7091 7123 7126 7127 7128 7199 7213 7219 7220 7221 7223 7224 7236 11451 11473 11509 11510 12048 12277 12318 12327 12402 12651 12742 12841 12843 12881 12895 12923 12924 13010 13048 13072 13090 **HENNUR:** 6095 6101 6159 6287 6288 6337 6363 6387 6429 6437 6453 6552 6553 6574 6583 6674 6729 6760 **HORAMAVU:** 14892 14950 15000 15058 15168 15190 15221 15222 15293 15330 15331 15332 15349 15403 15482 15508 15564 15588 15644 15729 15920 15960 15993 16023 16034 16035 16038 16114 16115 16124 16134 16152 16154 16164 16174 16281 16296 16302 16304 16309 16314 16319 16329 16330 16334 16335 16337 16338 16339 16347 16349 16353 16355 16379 16381 16382 16390 16405 16446 **KAGADASAPURA:** 4566 4626 4645 4689 4723 4724 4740 4741 4893 **KAMMAGONDANAHALLI:** 8983 9409 9672 9757 9842 9872 9884 9981 9995 10065 10095 **KAMMANAHALLI:** 15566 15567 15584 15587 15601 15877 16064 16282 16402 16441 16498 16533 16583 16641 16642 16746 16764 16786 16866 16889 16897 16898 16925 17002 17036 17098 **KAMARAJ ROAD:** 9994 10053 10130 10203 10623 10721 10732 10913 11102 **KANNUR BANGALORE:** 7445 **KARIYANAPALYA:** 9825 9880 9907 10932 10933 10990 11009 11012 11013 11038 11119 11120 11255 11256 11309 11372 11381 11386 11395 11396 11454 11486 11500 11572 11583 11615 11664 11718 11771 11857 11876 11918 11926 11940 11947 11948 11952 11990 12039 12047 12048 12056 12076 12079 12144 12286 12317 12328 12363 12367 12386 12421 12466 **KATTIGENAHALLI :** 2610 **MATHIKERE:** 8327 8375 8398 8462 8556 8761 8826 8837 8938 8980 9000 9005 9039 9091 9163 9166 9167 9207 9222 9224 9292 9308 9329 9330 **MANORAYANNAPALYA :** 1059 1066 1078 1299 1362 1432 1553 1577 1638 1758 **NELAMANGALA:** 5803 6363 6099 6134 5473 5718 6030 6205 **RAJAJI NAGAR II :** 7069 7261 7495 7534 7537 7610 7663 7684 **SUBBANNAPALYA:** 7550 8019 8206 8207 8208 8293 8520 8554 8671 8765 8786 8787 8788 8789 8824 8877 8966 8985 8986 8987 9018 9019 9020 **SULTHANPALYA:** 14932 15278 15387 15544 15590 15733 15924 16020 16060 16078 16217 16252 16324 16379 16432 16440 16525 16530 16602 16617 16697 16703 16750 16879 **THIPPASANDRA:** 6204 6704 6705 6709 6924 6940 6944 6990 6991 6997 7006 **UDAYANAGAR:** 1676 1677 1946 2008 2015 2076 **YELAHANKA :** 1246 1266 1292 1295 1304 1319 1320 1456 1463 1474 1509 1586 1587 1593 1603 1611 1613 1617 1628 1639 1647 1677 1687 1689 1692 1714 1730 1739 1741 1744 1748 1754 1763 1770 1772 1791 1793 1821 1848 1858

BANGALORE EAST TALUK : Venue:Kosamattam Finance Ltd, No.1,Papanna Building, 1st Floor, Near Eltra Company Old Madras Road Avalahalli, Virgo Nagar (POST) Bidrahalli Bangalore- 560049 Date: 07.09.2020, Time: 10.00 AM
List of pledges : **AKSHAYA NAGAR :** 13142 13483 13619 13662 13768 13831 13836 13888 14008 14215 **AVALAHALLI:** 17775 17938 17976 18013 18048 18169 18243 18508 18784 18823 18824 18832 18833 18962 19133 19165 19257 19264 19265 19270 19271 19331 19337 19381 19419 19433 19540 19596 19713 19734 19817 **AYYAPPA NAGAR :** 11077 11079 11214 11444 11488 11515 11605 11620 11714 11729 11778 11857 11858 11891 11896 11897 11898 11940 11983 12014 12023 12032 12051 12052 12109 12124 12168 12195 12238 12239 12300 12323 12417 12452 12458 12522 12543 12544 12545 12670 12679 12766 12850 12851 12859 12866 12887 12902 12921 12947 **BHATTARAHALLI:** 14882 14992 15009 15013 15118 15140 15538 15645 15851 15876 15908 15910 15916 15999 16330 **HOSKOTE:** 13216 13541 14091 14268 14273 14351 14363 14373 **TC PALYA:** 10000 10222 10314 10320 10336 10596 10629 10698 10699 10783 10812 10819 10920 10921 10949 10950 10956 10973 11061 11068 11131 11204 11214 11216 11229 11267 11289 11327 11341 11344 11357 11423 11453 11500

ANEKAL TALUK : Venue:Kosamattam Finance Ltd, C K R Complex,Near Ksrtc Bus Stand, Anekal, Bangalore- 562106 Date: 07.09.2020, Time: 12.30 PM
List of pledges : **ANEKAL :** 18036 18489 18869 18938 18939 19112 19113 19230 19245 19257 19291 19302 19323 19346 19355 19383 19446 19488 19572 19621 19628 19687 19694 19710 19711 19759 19790 19926 19948 19958 19970 20032 20036 20038 20043 20044 20045 20094 20111 20192 20193 20214 20217 20219 20261 20284 20293 20294 20314 20315 20390 20409 20426 20446 20468 20477 20478 20479 20480 20483 20511 20530 20554 20555 20569 20605 20609 20663 20664 20665 20675 20707 20739 20743 20757 20820 20844 20855 20879 20897 20911 20930 20941 20957 20961 20966 **ATTIBELE:** 3860 4180 4758 4905 4910 4961 **CHANDAPURA :** 8422 9136 9139 9195 9237 9249 9283 9312 9342 9356 9359 9448 9463 9480 9492 9509 9545 9559

BANGALORE SOUTH TALUK : Venue:Kosamattam Finance Ltd, No :2, SM Complex, Hosur Main Road, Madiwala, Bangalore-560068 Date: 07.09.2020, Time: 12.30 PM
List of pledges : **BOMMANAHALLI :** 13350 13376 13402 13406 13407 13434 13522 13523 13566 13617 13627 13628 13675 13703 13704 13714 13735 13746 13773 13914 13915 13934 13950 13962 13972 13994 14016 14036 14047 14060 14064 14091 14116 14168 14171 14172 14173 14174 14201 14222 14246 14287 14342 14358 14392 14397 14402 14403 14431 14436 14454 14475 14480 14483 14484 14492 14530 14552 14571 14577 14605 14615 14648 **KASAVANAHALLI :** 11447 11456 11512 11513 11529 11675 11747 11750 11758 11765 11818 11824 11876 11888 11904 11928 11938 11947 11955 11964 11981 11997 12042 12055 12058 12059 12113 12142 12144 12159 12227 12263 12269 12274 12275 12281 12289 12311 12312 12361 12377 12391 12414 12420 12422 12429 12446 12464 12475 12486 12497 12499 12506 12514 12523 12534 **KONANAKUNTE:** 3862 4018 4049 4069 4071 4146 4223 4224 4226 4227 4230 4231 4232 4233 4234 4235 4236 4237 4365 4520 4626 4675 4676 4683 4737 4755 **WILSON GARDEN:** 7269 7401 7534 7582 7779 7833 7932 7979 7998 8008 8071 8098 8102 8138 8152 **MARUTHI NAGAR:** 8478 8705 8817 8823 8907 8923 8957 9102 9200 9235 9277 9293 9316 9372 9397 9486

TUMKUR DISTRICT & TALUK: Venue:Kosamattam Finance Ltd, Haripriya Heights 1st floor Opp Hemavathi Office Near Essra Wedding Hall Kunigal Main Road Sadashiva Nagar Tumkur 572101 Ph: 08162200608 Date: 07.09.2020 at 2.30 PM
List of pledges : **TUMKUR :** 3351 4179 4438 4583 4667 4668 4806 4950 4951 5013 5049 5089 5090 5091 5092 5188 5286

Bidders who are interested to participate in the above auction shall comply with the following:

1. Submit an Earnest Money Deposit of Rs.1,00,000(One Lakh Rupees Only) by way of NEFT. The same shall be returned to the unsuccessful bidders on the same day.
2. In the event of failure to remit the said amounts, the amounts paid till date including EMD shall be forfeited by the company without any notice and the auctioned gold shall be again put for auction without any further notice. Changes if any, regarding the venue and date of auction shall be displayed at the venue on the date of auction mentioned above and on the company website and no further notice regarding the change of date and venue shall be issued.
3. Allowing participation in the auction and the acceptance of bids shall be at the sole discretion of the company. For further details and terms & conditions please contact on 080-41109310 / 372 during office hours on or before auction dates mentioned above.

Kosamattam Finance Ltd.
Kottayam

Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

Registered Office : 27 BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400 051, Branch Office,at Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited, Kotak House No.22, M.G.Road, Bangalore-560001

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)
(As per Appendix IV read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED,** a banking company within the meaning of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having it's Registered Office at 27BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051 and branch office at **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd,** No.22, Kotak House, M.G. Road, Bangalore, 560001, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Details of the Parties along with Mortgaged Property Possession taken by the Bank, is given below:-

Name of Customer (Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s)) along Loan Account Nos	Date of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) read with rule 9 of SARFAESI Act. Along with Amount in Rs.	Description of Immovable Property taken in to Possession (As per Appendix IV read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)	Date of Possession
Loan Account No: LAP17694555 AND LAP17691081 (CRN 10910390) **1. M/s Graphic Enterprises,** Represented by its Partner Mr. Madhukiran K.S, No.38-1 Central Street, Kumara Park West, Bangalore- 560 020 **(Borrower)** **2. Mr.K.S.Madhukiran,** **3. Mr.K.NShivaprakash** **(Co Borrower / Guarantor / Property Owner)**	**Demand Notice Date: 09-Jun-2020** **Rs.2,68,29,689.98/- (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Eight Thousand Twenty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Nine and Paisa Ninety Eight Only) as on 08-06-2020**	All that piece and parcel of self-occupied residential property bearing No.38, Old No.74, Central Street, Kumara Park West, Bangalore- 560 020.	**18-Aug-2020**

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the date as mentioned above in "Date of Possession" Colum.
The Borrowers mentioned herein above in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to charge of **KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED,** for an amount as mention in this notice, along with future interest at contractual rate and substitute interest, incidental expenses, costs and charges etc. due w.e.f. the very next date of the status of outstanding amount date showing in the above mention details, till the date of full repayment and/ or realization. Further the borrower's attention invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.
Please note description of properties is as mentioned above.

Date :18/Aug/2020, Place : Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited**

HDFC
Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai 400020.
Regional Office : HDFC Ltd, HDFC House, No -51, Kasturba Road, Bangalore -560001.
Tel: 080-41183000, CIN L70100MH1977PLC019916,
Website: www.hdfc.com, Email:customercare.bang@hdfc.com

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ties) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorized Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd) Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is","As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** as per the details mentioned below :

Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)(since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in **Column (A)** under **Rule 8(6)** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd) Secured Creditor's website i.e. **www.HDFC.Com**

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E) & (F)	(G)
Sl. No.	Name/s of Borrower(s)/ Mortgager(s)/ Guarantor(s)/	Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)*	Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft)	Type of Possession	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)	Date and time of E-Auction
1	Mr. A M Chittiappa (Borrower) Loan A/c No: 635886654 & 637734931	Loan Account No.635886654 Rs.28,79,876/- And Loan Account No.637734931 Rs.5,17,146/- Totally accruing to Rs.33,97,022/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Twenty Two Only) due as on 31.01.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential flat bearing No.249, in the Block No.'B' First Floor, of the apartment building known as "DHIRAAN NEWYORK MEADOWS", having a super built up area of 900 Sq. feet with one car parking space in the basement with proportionate share of 285 sq. feet of undivided share, right title and interest in the land bearing Sy No.29/2 [vide conversion order bearing official memorandum No.BDS.ALN.(A):SR:424/2004-05 dated 11.02.2005 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore], situated at Iggaluru Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.	Physical Possession	Rs.32,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Only) Rs.3,20,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)	23.09.2020 12.00 PM TO 12.30 PM

1. Inspection Date & Time: 05.09.2020 and 12.09.2020 between 11.AM TO 4.PM
2. Minimum bid increment amount: Rs.20,000/-
3. EMD Amount Submission on or before : 21.09.2020
***together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred up to the date of payment and / or realisation thereof.**
For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh.N/ ShridharChinni official of HDFC Limited through Tel No.080-41182283, 080-41182126/ 9449080072.
To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC Ltd, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets.

Date: 20.08.2020 **For Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.**
Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer**

The DMK on Wednesday charged that the Tamil Nadu government is acting against the interests of the OBCs on the issue of reservation in the all-India quota for medical seats.

BIZ SLUMP

Karnataka to incur Rs 29K crore loss due to iron ore export ban

Federation of Indian Mineral Industries appeals to State Govt to take corrective steps

Old stocks

In 2018-19, approximately 6.67 MMT of iron ore was imported into Karnataka as a substitute for locally produced iron ore, thereby leaving unsold stock in mines and causing a loss of revenue to the State. These imports have also affected the sale of 8 MMT of old stocks, the federation added.

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THE Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI), Southern Region, has made an appeal to the State Government to take appropriate steps to rectify the imbalance that has arisen due to the prohibition on iron ore exports from the State.

The restrictions on the trade of iron ore in Karnataka is suppressing the growth of the sector and has significant deleterious effects on the industry and also the state exchequer. As per estimates, the gross loss over a 10-year period to the State of Karnataka is approximately Rs 29,058.8 crore due to the ban of iron ore exports, the federation stated. Karnataka had imposed a ban on the export of iron ore in 2010 and that was subsequently upheld by the Supreme Court.

The federation stated that the rest of India is exporting iron ore as per the EXIM policy of Government of India thereby ensuring fair revenue to the State Exchequer including foreign exchange as well as overall growth of the nation by using the railways and port facilities among others.

"As per the data available, the total exports in the year 2019 from other parts of India shows export of 10.34 MMT of fines and 1.16 MMT of lumps. While, during the same period, Karnataka lagged when there is a surplus of 5.19 MMT fines arising due to additional production from auctioned C-category leases and expired leases. Hence, an alternative market is urgently required since surplus iron ore may remain unsold even if the entire domestic demand is met from leases in Karnataka and without recourse to material from outside the State," the federation stated.

KSFC to concentrate on creating quality portfolio

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THE Karnataka State Financial Corporation (KSFC) has set a target for the sanction at Rs 600 crore for the year 2020-21 and to reach the benefits of flagship interest subsidy/subventionschemes of State Government to MSEs promoted by various sections of the society. The focus will be on creation of a quality portfolio. During the 61st Annual General Meeting of the KSFC, Dr Ekroop Caur, Managing Director, KSFC, addressed the shareholders of the corporation through video conference and shared salient aspects of the audited annual accounts for the year ended 31 March this year.

According to a KSFC statement, for the corporation, financial year 2020-21 will witness mixed growth due to the volatility in the economy. "The State and Central governments are working on various reliefs and concessions for MSMEs to recover from the impact of Covid-19," the corporation stated.

The modified MSME definition with effect from July 1, 2020, facilitates numerous MSMEs in the manufacturing and services sector to avail the benefits of the interest subversion scheme of the State Government.

The corporation registered a profit of Rs 44.92 crore for the financial year 2019-20 and percentage of NPA reduced to 5.12% from 6.09%. The focus of KSFC will also be on further reduction of NPAs and increasing operating profits.

> **The State and Central governments are working on various reliefs and concessions for MSMEs to recover from the impact of Covid-19**
>
> KSFC statement

BROTHERS IN ARMS

Police personnel participate in the funeral of a constable who died of Covid-19 in Coimbatore on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Significant damage to govt, pvt properties

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IN the petition, presented with lists of damaged and destroyed properties along with a list of accused in relation to 64 FIRs registered over the incident, the state said 33 government vehicles and 90 private vehicles were either burnt and destroyed or damaged. Damage was also caused to the police station buildings of DJ Halli and KG Halli as well as MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy's residence, it said.

In addition, eight buildings were also damaged by acts of vandalism and arson. Arms and ammunition used by the police were also snatched and destroyed by the mob, said the state.

KARNATAKA'S CASE

The 64 FIRs filed in DJ Halli and KG Halli police stations mention damage to 33 government vehicles, 90 private vehicles and eight buildings.

LOSS OF GOVT PROPERTIES

Arms and ammunition destroyed	Other properties destroyed/looted	Private properties
1 SLR Rifle	Walkie-talkies, body protectors, wireless sets and other items	910 gm gold
10 stun grenades		750 gm silver
1 tear gas gun		Rs 1,60,000 cash
7 tear gas shells		Rs 15 lakh worth of liquor
1 wood-piercing shell		Furniture (to be ascertained)
1 tear smoke shell		Electrical and electronic materials
21 rubber bullets		

EXPRESS READ

Yemen upholds Keralite nurse's death sentence in husband murder

Palakkad: Malayalee nurse Nimisha Priya's death sentence -- for having killed her husband, a Yemen national -- was upheld on Tuesday evening by an appeals court in Sana'a. Hailing from Kollengode in Palakkad district, Nimisha, 30, has been lodged in a prison in the capital. She was sentenced to death in June 2018 after being charged with cutting her husband, Talal Abdu Mahdi, into pieces and concealing his mortal remains in a sack inside the water tank of their flat in Al Deydh. **ENS**

Hike MSP for milling copra, Tamil Nadu CM urges Centre

Chennai: Pointing out that the Minimum Support Price of Rs 99.6 fixed by the Centre for milling copra would be inadequate for coconut growers in the State, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Wednesday urged the Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar to increase the price to at least Rs 125 per kg for the current season. In his letter to Tomar, EPS pointed out that the Tamil Nadu government, while commun-icating its views on the price policy for Copra 2020 season on January 23, had suggested the price be fixed at Rs 105 per kg. **ENS**

Covid Centre fire: Panel finds serious lapses

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THE committee which probed the Swarna Palace fire mishap that claimed the lives of 10 patients, found serious lapses on the part of the Ramesh Hospitals management in running the paid Covid Care Centre (CCC) from the hotel premises.

Apart from the two committees set up by the State government to probe the fire mishap, the Krishna district administration also constituted a committee to ascertain the reasons that led to the mishap. The committee submitted its report to the State government recently.

"Ramesh Hospitals has violated all the rules and regulations," the committee stated in its report. It found that the hospital management ignored Covid-19 guidelines issued by the government from time to time intentionally.

The report said that Ramesh Hospitals did not take into consideration whether Swarna Palace had adequate fire safety norms before converting it into a CCC. The centre was started even before the government gave permission to run it.

The hospital also ran the CCC from M5 and Metropolitan Hotels without getting any permits. It was also found that the CCC was started even before signing a MoU) with the hotel management.

B'luru cops investigate funding of NGO

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"ARUN Kumar was picked up based on the call detail records of the arrested persons, as they had received several calls during the riots from his phone number. Sampath Raj was also summoned and questioned in connection with the violence. As we have evidence that Arun had supported the riots, he has been arrested. He will be produced before a magistrate on Thursday," a police officer said.

Police said the number of arrests in connection with the riots has crossed 400, and more will be made. About five people were arrested based on the information provided by Wajid Pasha, the president of Karnataka Tippu Tiger Welfare Trust and a member of JDS party, on Tuesday and Wednesday, and it is said that they played a key role in the riots.

Meanwhile, the Anti-Terrorist Cell continued its interrogation of Samiuddin, a suspected member of Al-Hind, a terror outfit whose module was busted last year in Bengaluru. The officers are probing the activities of an NGO run by him on suspicion that it was receiving foreign funds. "It is found that he had set up the NGO a few years ago and it was receiving funds from abroad. We are investigating what the area of work of the NGO was, who funded it, and for what purpose the money was being used," an official said.

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Date of Submission of Tender in e-procurement	18.08.2020
Pre-bid meeting	20.08.2020 at 12.00 AM. In the Office of Director & Dean, Mysore medical College & research Institute.
Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement plat form on or before	25.08.2020 at 05.00 PM
Date and Time of Opening the Tender (Technical bid)	27.08.2020 at 11.00 AM
Total Estimated cost of the Tender	Rs.2,00,00,000/-
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.3,00,000/- EMD should be submitted to E-Procurement
Address for Communication	Mysore Medical College & Research Institute Irwin Road, Mysore-570001.

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HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
O/o. Chief General Manager (E), PCC-II, Khairatabad, Hyderabad - 04.
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e-tender Notice No. and Date	Name of Work	Approximate ECV
EP. No. 03/CGM(E)/PCC-II/Zone-3-Sew-Imp/Pack-II/2020-21, **dt: 19-08-2020**	**Rehabilitation, Strengthening and Improvement of Sewer Network in Zone-III area of core city** - Manufacturing, supply, lowering, laying, jointing, testing and commissioning of RCC NP4 Class pipe sewer mains, sub-mains and SWG pipe laterals in N6 & N31 catchments of Zone-III, Core City - **Package-II.**	**Rs. 118.22 Crores**

1.The bid documents download starts online from **Dt: 24.08.2020** **2.** Name and address of Chief General Manager (Engg), Concerned - **Chief General Manager (Engg), Project Construction Circle-II, HMWSSB, Khairatabad, Hyderabad - 500004. 3.** The Contractors/firms are requested to uploaded the information in the 'ZIP' format preferably. **4.** Further details can be seen @ **https://tender.telangana.gov.in**
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No. TMC/ALD/SFC(Incentive)/2017-2018/167 Date : 19-08-2020
TENDER CORRIGENDUM
Town Municipal Council Aland has herewith informed to the Agency/Contractor and Public vide Office Tender Notification No. TMC/14th Finance 2019-20 Date : 12-08-2020 and TMC/SFC (Incentive) 2017-18 Dated : 12-08-2020, notification issued in that notification some technical issued purpose date should be corrected.
Hence correct the tender dates mention in E-Portal, so All Agency/Contractor and public should be followed by E-portal terms and conditions as per bid documents.
Sd/- Chief Officer
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1.	**Construction of Sea Erosion Protection Wall From Ch. 23.600 To 23.900 km Near Chithrapura of Mangalore Taluk, D.K. District. (From Ch. 24.920 To 25.055Km). (Indent No: 124971)**	Rs. 1,42,71,115.60	**Rs. 2.15 lakhs (Rs. 1.00 lakh in E-payment + Rs.1.15 lakhs as mentioned in bid document)**	**03-09-2020 at 16.00 hours**	**05-09-2020 at 17.00 hours**
2.	**Construction of Sea Erosion Protection Wall from Ch. 22.500 to 22.750 kkm Near Meenakaliya of Mangalore Taluk, D.K. District. (From Ch. 23.600 to 23.725 Km). (Indent No: 124963)**	1,33,86,140.16	**Rs. 2.01 lakhs (Rs. 1.00 lakh in E-payment + Rs.1.01 lakhs as mentioned in bid document)**	**03-09-2020 at 16.00 hours**	**05-09-2020 at 17.00 hours**
3.	**Construction of Sea Erosion Protection Wall from Ch. 37.610 To 37.910 km Near Sasihithlu Of Mangalore Taluk, D.K. District. (From Ch. 37.360 to 37.500 Km) (Indent No: 124972)**	1,46,97,156.58	**Rs. 2.21 lakhs (Rs. 1.00 lakh in E-payment + Rs.1.21 lakhs as mentioned in bid document)**	**03-09-2020 at 16.00 hours**	**05-09-2020 at 17.00 hours**

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
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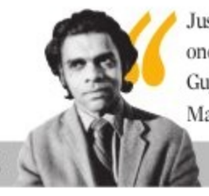

Just a list of languages in which the Ramayana is found makes one gasp: Annamese, Balinese, Bengali, Cambodian, Chinese, Gujarati, Javanese, Kannada, Kashmiri, Laotian, Malaysian, Marathi, Odia, Sanskrit, Santali, Sinhalese, Tamil, Telugu ...

AK Ramanujan

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— Ramnath Goenka

MP QUOTA: POLITICIANS SHOULD PUT NATIONAL INTERESTS FIRST

By resolving to reserve all government jobs in Madhya Pradesh for locals just days before crucial bypolls in the state, CM Shivraj Chouhan has not really set a precedent. Rather, he is only following in the footsteps of many others who have taken similar narrow and populist measures. His predecessor Kamal Nath had decided to reserve 70% jobs in the private sector for locals. Ahead of last year's Assembly polls in Maharashtra, the then CM Devendra Fadnavis brought in reservation in jobs and educational institutions for Marathas. Clearly, the politics of nativity, domicile and sons of the soil appears to be gaining ground just for short-term political ends. Does this pay electoral dividends? There may perhaps be no definitive answer to that, but the evidence on the ground suggests it does not necessarily yield positive results. If it did, then Fadnavis should have continued to occupy the coveted seat in Mantralaya, not Uddhav Thackeray, his one-time ally but constant baiter. Many will also question if Chouhan's move is legally tenable. There are suggestions that the announcement could be violative of Articles 15 and 16 of the Constitution and that it can be challenged in the court. Only the judiciary can decide whether it contravenes the law, but reserving jobs only for locals does restrict choices before businesses. From the point of view of job seekers, the move denies them equality of opportunity.

But the bigger question is whether such policies promote sectarianism, regionalism and parochialism. In this day and age of the internet and easy mobility, geographical boundaries are blurred and meaningless. Flourishing businesses are conducted irrespective of region, identity, country or even continent. In such a scenario, excluding a job seeker only because he is not a domicile of the state is patently discriminatory. The preamble of the Constitution states that it is "we the people who constitute India," not we the people of MP, Maharashtra, etc. who constitute this country. It is time politicians put national interest first, and narrow regional or political interests second.

LINKING AADHAAR TO PENSIONS DURING COVID

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected the livelihood of millions across India, but it's the disadvantaged groups that are the most vulnerable. Movement is a problem, so is access to mobility. Add to it the risk of exposure to the disease in the midst of phased lockdowns, shutdowns and containment. Under such a situation, a complex scenario has emerged in Odisha after the government's decision to make Aadhaar verification mandatory for pension accounts of the elderly, widows and persons with disability. There are two major schemes—National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY)—for which the state decided to implement Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Enlisted in these two schemes are a whopping 49 lakh beneficiaries who get a monthly pension in the range of ₹500 to ₹700. For them, it is food security and survival.

However, the decision for Aadhaar verification could leave them high and dry as according to the government's statistics, at least 95% of NSAP's beneficiaries are verified whereas for MBPY, it is a tad lower at 80%. In sheer numbers, Odisha has close to 22 lakh beneficiaries under NSAP and 27 lakh under MBPY. If Aadhaar verification is strictly followed, close to six lakh beneficiaries may find themselves in a struggle to access their entitlements. Besides the pension, there is the one-time ₹1,000 ex gratia that they are entitled to. After the matter was raised, the state went easy on the process, but confusion exists at the bottom of the administrative pyramid with different interpretations.

Interestingly, three years ago, it was Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik who had written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressing his reservations about the implementation of DBT, which he thought could impact the beneficiaries of such welfare schemes. The intention behind agreeing to Aadhaar verification is to weed out ghost beneficiaries, which is welcome, but the government had time to complete the process that started last year in October. In March, it provided advance pension for the April-July period. Now, it must exercise caution and ensure the vulnerable groups are not pushed to any further risk.

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THE UNIFYING ROLE OF THE RAMAYANA

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AMIT BANDRE

The atmosphere is so charged after the ceremony for the Ram Mandir at Ayodhya that it seems well nigh impossible to discuss positive aspects of this epic in the life of India without flare-ups. But we are not here to debate whether it is myth or history, or even bits of both, nor condone or condemn the destruction of another place of worship. Here, our focus is on the historic unifying role of an epic that is viewed by some as a sharply divisive text.

It is a fact, nevertheless, that no other epic or religious text in the world has played such an indubitably assimilative role and linked so many scattered geographies by pegging them to its episodes. This could succeed only if the texts provided flexible mechanisms that permitted the identification of 'local geographies' with the 'historic sites' mentioned. While A K Ramanujam's *Three Hundred Ramayanas* (or even more) showed it allowed diverse ethnic or linguistic communities across India to express their uniqueness, aspirations, anxieties and genius within an amorphous and accommodative framework, the identification of place names completed the uphill task of sewing India together. Specific sites on this vast subcontinent claimed or were deemed to be those very holy sites that are mentioned in the two great epics—mostly in the *Ramayana*, because its hero did traverse a lot. It is rare to find the same tract like Kishkinda linked to both the epics; the two are said to be in different *yugas* or aeons. What really clinched it were the 'long peripatetic periods' mentioned in both epics, when the protagonists were compelled to leave their own kingdom and wander around this vast land. In the *Ramayana*, it is the *Aranya Kanda* of 14 years, when Rama travelled through forests and hills; this setting provided immense opportunities to describe in detail the many remote places visited. In the *Mahabharata*, the five Pandavas were also exiled for 12 long years, their *Vanavas*, followed by a thirteenth year of living totally incognito, the *Agyatavas*, which offered even more flexibility to more sites to claim the honour of being the ones mentioned.

In addition to these convenient phases that the composers utilised to bring in so many far-away places, individual heroes like Arjuna or Hanuman also ventured on their own into unknown kingdoms. This, in turn, offered scope to so many more places and people to be identified with the two epics and their divine characters. The major destinations covered by the 'Ramayana Express', for instance, give an idea of how distant sites in ancient India were garlanded together. They are Ayodhya, Nandigram, Sitamarhi, Janakpur, Varanasi, Prayag, Chitrakoot, Nashik, Hampi, Kanchipuram and Rameshwaram. It may be charged that myth and reality are being confused, but this highly imaginative geo-identificatory exercise did bring far-flung corners to 'nationwide' attention. Even 'backward areas' like Dandakarnaya gained in respectability and became must-visit sites of pilgrimages. The epics brought them from the periphery to the 'centre', and tribals and marginal castes were given a symbolic position under the sun. In the bargain, the Ganga valley reinforced its position as the heartland of Hindus, the *Aryavarta*. It is a fact that the outer regions of India also found satisfaction in being linked to the heartland, as Rajendra Chola's Gangaikonda Cholapuram demonstrates. In effect, therefore, this ingenious strategy of linking sites actually helped create a nation out of so many contesting ethnic and linguistic entities.

> Distant sites in ancient India were garlanded together by the epic. This actually helped create a nation out of so many contesting ethnic and linguistic entities

The popularity of the Ramayana is clear from the names of numerous places all over India. There are, for instance, countless Rampurs and so many places named after Sita. After the 2011 Census, a survey discovered that 3,626 villages in India are named after Rama, while 3,309 honour Krishna. Interestingly, while Hanuman's name is imbedded in 367 villages, Bharata has 187 villages featuring his name and brother Lakshmana has 160. We are, of course, not counting other famous spots like Lakhnauti, an ancient capital of Bengal, or Lakshman Jhula in Rishikesh. But many claims are not without contest, as we see when Karnataka's Hampi-Kishkinda vies with Anjaneri mountain in Nashik for the distinction of Hanuman's birthplace, while Anjan in Jharkhand's Gumla district, the Anjani cave in the tribal district of Dang in Gujarat and even Kaithal of Haryana join the fray. This actually offers five sites located in different regions the opportunity of claiming the laurel—with local guides passionately pointing out exact spots linked to the epic. The process of linking myth and reality is further strengthened by creating or publicising local legends about where exactly the heroes or central characters were born or visited; caves, temples, ruins, groves and water bodies reinforce both claims and beliefs.

So significant is this claim game that even Nepal's PM has now thrown his hat into the ring by insisting that Ram was born in Birgunj district of his country. Sri Lankans may not like to be linked to Ravana and demons, but a thriving tourist industry markets quite profitably the 'historic spots' connected with the Ramayana. So powerful is faith that a decade ago, an economically lucrative 'Sethusamudram' proposal for a shipping channel between India and Lanka had to be abandoned as it was to cut through Rama's Sethu. Whether myth or history, one can thus hardly ignore the sheer strength of faith.

(Tweets @jawharsircar)

IS INDIA WASHING ITS HANDS OFF SRI LANKAN TAMILS?

NEENA GOPAL

Independent journalist and author

To say that the political decimation of the parties that claim to speak for the Sri Lankan Tamils has been completed is an understatement. It was a rout. The Tamil National Alliance was all but swept away in the unprecedented flood of support that marked the return of the Rajapaksas to pre-eminence in the Sri Lankan polity.

But what was equally remarkable was the swiftness with which Prime Minister Narendra Modi called to congratulate the Sri Lankan leader, even as parliamentary poll results were coming in on August 7. It underscored India's growing concern that in light of China's Ladakh ingress and the challenge posed to India's land and maritime frontiers, Colombo cannot be allowed to slip back into China's zone of influence. But is India ready to heed the rise of Sinhala nationalism over the cause of the Tamil minority as geopolitical constraints take primacy?

India's foot-dragging when Mahinda Rajapaksa, as president, was looking for investments to reboot his country's post-war economy has not been forgotten by the new first family of Sri Lanka, which did not take kindly to being treated like a minnow left dangling by the big fish. Today, more so than ever, Colombo's strategic importance to India, sitting as it does at a key intersection in its southern backyard—where the sea lanes from the Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea connect to the Indian Ocean, and where China has acquired one critical port after another—can no longer be ignored.

In addition to the $400 million currency swap, the hungry minnow is asking for a $1.1 billion swap and a moratorium on a $900 million loan. These are requests that must be fast-tracked. In return, Delhi needs to ensure that the Rajapaksa regime dials down the anger of Sri Lankan workers over the Colombo Port East Container Terminal contract that was awarded to India (and Japan). Manufactured protests or not, it may take some doing.

As former Sri Lankan diplomat Dr Palitha B Kohona says, the manner in which former premier Ranil Wickremesinghe "parcelled out real estate and parted with Sri Lanka's crown jewels" as part of his foreign policy balancing act is resented. The Colombo Port project was largely effected to assuage Indian concerns about both the Hambantota Port project being given to the Chinese by then president Mahinda Rajapaksa and the immediacy with which he was co-opted by Chinese President Xi Jinping into the signature Belt and Road Initiative. Clearly, India cannot allow the Colombo project to slip through its fingers. It must also continue to stay invested in revitalising the Palaly airport in Jaffna and the Kankensanthurai port while building homes for displaced Sri Lankan Tamils across Kilinochchi, Vavuniya and Mullaitivu in Tamil majority provinces.

But the vote of no confidence in the TNA—reduced to a mere 10 seats from 16—and the victory of only a handful of luminaries like the former chief minister of Jaffna, lawyer-turned-politician C V Wigneswaran, who heads the Tamil People's Alliance, and the Ponnambalam legatee Gajendra Kumar Ponnambalam of the Tamil National People's Front reflects the rapidly shrinking space occupied by Tamil politicians.

The only opposition of any consequence, the newly formed Samagi Jana Balavegaya led by Sajith Premadasa, has a miniscule 54 seats against the 145 seats of President Rajapaksa's Sri Lanka Podujana Perumana in the 225-member Parliament. Premadasa, whose father Ranasinghe Premadasa was assassinated by the LTTE, is unlikely to take up cudgels for the Tamils. Neither is former president Maithripala Sirsena and former PM and United National Party leader Ranil Wickremesinghe, both reduced to irrelevance.

> The Centre, aware that Lanka is one of a handful of nations that had refused to comment on the changed status of J&K, may choose to say nothing if the councils that run the provinces are abolished, making the 13th Amendment redundant

As the Rajapaksa clan moves to secure a majority in the House, when Parliament convenes on August 20, to scrap the 19th Amendment that limited presidential powers by reaching out to like-minded smaller parties, the fate of the controversial 13th Amendment is lost in the din. The cornerstone of the Sri Lankan Tamils' quest for greater devolution of powers to the provinces is an unnecessary imposition to the Rajapaksa government and the Sinhala majority, an intrusion in their internal affairs.

The 13th Amendment, part of the Indo-Sri Lanka Peace Accord of 1987 that promised greater powers to the provinces, was repeatedly raised by Delhi with one eye on the domestic Tamil vote. But with a post-Jayalalithaa Tamil Nadu's deafening silence to poll results, PM Modi—who needs the AIADMK to shore up his numbers in the Rajya Sabha and factors Indian Tamil sentiment into the BJP's electoral strategy—will weigh whether voicing concerns over the amendment (and India's Tamil fishermen routinely held by the Sri Lankan Navy) is worth rattling the Rajapaksa cage when it knows this does not sit well with Lanka's new ruling family.

Gotabaya, validated by parliamentary polls, reflects the trust that the people of Sri Lanka have in the man who ended the 30-year reign of terror by the Tamil Tigers chief Prabhakaran. With a tough crackdown on the Muslim community vulnerable to radicalisation by the Islamic State Khorasan, who were behind the 2019 Easter bombings, his stock runs high.

One of his first moves to tighten direct control of the north and east could come now, from abolishing the provincial councils that run the provinces, making the 13th Amendment redundant. Dr Kohona says, "The provinces have been administered for the last two years without provincial councils, which are anyway a huge drain on the exchequer. It's time we looked at abolishing them."

The Modi government, aware that Sri Lanka is one of a handful of countries that has refused to comment on the changed status of Jammu & Kashmir to a Union Territory, may choose to say nothing; more so when the prickly issue of the 'disappeared' is all set to be raised by the UNHRC early next year.

Rohan Gunaratna, professor of security studies at Nanyang University, Singapore, points to Gotabaya Rajapaksa's "brilliant ties with India when he was defence secretary, that enabled Sri Lanka to defeat the LTTE" as a relationship the president wants to maintain, while "building equidistance between a declining West, a rising China and a rising India". The trick for India will be on how to spin that 'equidistance' to its advantage without completely vacating its advocacy of the Sri Lankan Tamils' cause.

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Money for vaccines

This is with reference to *The perils of vaccine nationalism* (Aug 19). For India, whose treasuries have dried up, money is a big challenge in the free equitable distribution of the vaccine. The Centre and states must be prepared and have a strategy to counter this.

R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

The causes of inflation

Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus's outlook that the Covid-19 vaccine should not have commercial ownership or a patent and should be available to everyone is sensible. Many global pharma giants are trying to earn windfall profits with a vaccine for the pandemic.

Thomas K M, Muvattupuzha

Not good for democracy

This is with reference to *Contempt power can halt judicial reforms* (Aug 19). The case of Prashant Bhushan makes the common man feel like one is not allowed to criticise judges. This is not good for a democracy.

Ponnappan C M, Mysuru

Reforms are inevitable

Like any other institution, the judiciary also requires continuous improvements. Reforms are inevitable. Suggestions for the same can be taken from the public instead of just the bar and jurists. But I do not agree with the claim that the power of contempt can be an impediment to these reforms.

Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Back to the Tatas?

The Tata Group, with its experience in the sector and its record of business integrity, is best suited to buy the ailing airline and achieve a turnaround quickly. (*Tata Group a good option to keep Air India flying*, Aug 19). If the acquisition takes place, the airline will be returning to the family of its founder.

Hemantha Bhide, Mangaluru

Best time to buy AI

This is the best time for the Tatas to buy Air India, now that the Centre has relaxed its terms. The group already runs two airlines, Air Asia and Vistara. This offer would be a bonanza with AI's aircraft and assets in its bag.

K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

The causes of inflation

The Centre needs to delve deeper into the causes of inflation and take care of the supply chain (*Making sense of divergent retail and wholesale food prices*, Aug 19). This will enhance the purchasing power of the people and boost demand.

A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Need exam centres abroad

In the wake of the SC's refusal to postpone JEE and NEET, NRI applicants will have a problem as they won't be able to get to India. And there are no centres abroad. If authorities could set up centres in countries where there are many candidates, it will be of great help.

P P Sahadevan, Nileshwar

Harris to make no difference

Our PM has forged a strong personal rapport with US President Donald Trump (*'Advantage Don among Indian-Americans'*, Aug 19). Thus, the selection of Kamala Harris as Joe Biden's running mate may not make much difference to Trump's winning chances.

N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

Woman and child safety

The UP government's announcement of a woman and child safety body is a much-needed step. Though the Yogi government is credited with dealing with crime with an iron hand, incidents of rape and child abuse seem to be continuing. Hope this move will make a difference.

R Sriramprasad, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
The truth about unemployment and destruction of the economy cannot be hidden from the country by peddling fake news and hatred on Facebook.

Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda
It would serve Rahul Gandhi well to admit that he has made a mistake by trying to besmirch an effort by the people through PM CARES.

Asaduddin Owaisi @asadowaisi
UP police has shown how communal an institution it has become. It has become a ready tool in the hands of the govt...

Covid deadlier for people with liver diseases

Study finds mortality rate of patients with liver ailments is 42%, while in those with other pre-existing illness, it is 30%

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PATIENTS with pre-existing chronic liver diseases, more than those with other comorbidities such as hypertension and diabetes, are more susceptible to the coronavirus, according to a new study by the AIIMS-Delhi. The mortality rate of people suffering from serious liver ailments was found to be over 42 per cent by the researchers associated with the country's top government medical institution.

The mortality rate due to the infection in patients with other pre-existing illnesses, on the other hand, was about 30 per cent. The study, published in the Indian Journal of Gastroenterology, is based on the assessment of 28 patients out of a total of 750 Covid-19 patients at the hospital between April 22 and June 22 with known chronic liver disease. Seventy-eight cirrhotic patients without Covid-19 were included as historical controls for comparison.

Of the total 28 Covid-19 patients with liver complications, two were without cirrhosis, one was with compensated cirrhosis, 16 with acute decompensation and nine had acute-on-chronic liver failure.

The mortality rate of Covid-19 patients was 42.3 per cent as compared to 23.1 per cent in the historical controls, found the researchers, and all infected patients with acute-on-chronic liver failure died. The fatality rate was also higher for Covid-19 patients with compensated cirrhosis and acute decompensation as compared with historical controls.

Both non-cirrhotic patients presented with respiratory symptoms, however, recovered uneventfully. Based on these results, the study has noted that "patients with cirrhosis and Covid-19 have poor outcomes as compared with those without the virus. The survival rates are the worst among those with acute on chronic liver failure."

The study said while liver enzyme derangements are common, seen in 14 per cent to 53 per cent of Covid-19 cases, the clinical consequences are not well known in patients without liver disease since the majority of these derangements are mild and hence, clinically inconsequential. "However, their impact on patients with underlying liver diseases is beginning to emerge," it said.

Evolving data from a global registry suggest a poor outcome in patients with cirrhosis. Among these, 45 per cent presented with new decompensation and the mortality rate was 33 per cent.

Patients with cirrhosis and Covid have poor outcomes as compared with those without the virus. The survival rates are the worst among those with acute on chronic liver failure
AIIMS study

A health worker collects swab sample of BJP MLA Suresh Chandra Tiwari in Lucknow on Wednesday | PTI

US ships 100 more state-of-the-art ventilators, medical supplies to India

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE United States on Wednesday announced to hand over the second shipment of 100 new and state-of-the-art ventilators to India in its final tranche of supplies to support the country's 'pandemic response'.

"We are very pleased to hand over the final tranche of 100 ventilators to India, fulfilling President Donald Trump's commitment to provide these critically needed supplies to support India's pandemic response," US Ambassador to India Kenneth Juster said in a statement.

According to the statement from the US Embassy, the delivery of the ventilators was facilitated in collaboration with the USAID, Indian Red Cross Society and the government of India. "The ventilators are manufactured in the United States and are compact, easy to deploy, and provide India with flexibility in treating patients affected by the virus," the statement said.

The first shipment of 100 ventilators arrived in India on June 14. Since then, the ventilators have been deployed to support the care of Covid-19 patients at eight AIIMS hospitals across the country.

India's Covid-19 vaccine in advanced stage, Bangladesh to get it on priority: Shringla

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FOREIGN Secretary **Harsh Vardhan Shringla** on Wednesday met his Bangladeshi counterpart Masud Bin Momen on the second day of his visit to Dhaka and said Bangladesh would get priority in the Covid-19 vaccine produced by India.

"India is in an advanced stage of Covid-19 trial, and it is going to produce vaccines at a massive level," the foreign secretary said and added that he had gone to Bangladesh as PM Narendra Modi felt that it was time for the strong bilateral ties between the two nations to move forward. This is Shringla's second visit to Bangladesh since he assumed office.

Meanwhile, Momen said Dhaka had urged New Delhi to conduct trials of its vaccine (being developed by Oxford University) in Bangladesh. "We offered that we can extend our assistance, if needed, especially in terms of a vaccine trial, we are ready. The Indian side positively responded, saying that they are developing vaccines not only for themselves but also for others; Bangladesh will get priority," he said. Momen said his country had a good number of pharmaceutical companies which were capable of vaccine production.

On Tuesday, Shringla had called on Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina, who appreciated Modi's gesture to take bilateral ties forward. Sources said that various aspects of the bilateral ties were discussed including development partnership, enhancing connectivity, the revival of economy post-Covid-19 and cooperation on coronavirus pandemic assistance was also discussed.

SC's E-HEARING AMID COVID

The Supreme Court has heard over 15,000 matters through video conferencing since March 23, when the Covid-19 lockdown was first announced. Though lawyers made complaints of glitches and hiccups faced in listing of cases, dozens of petitions were disposed of nevertheless.

FROM MARCH 23 TO TILL DATE

100 Total no. of days of video conferencing

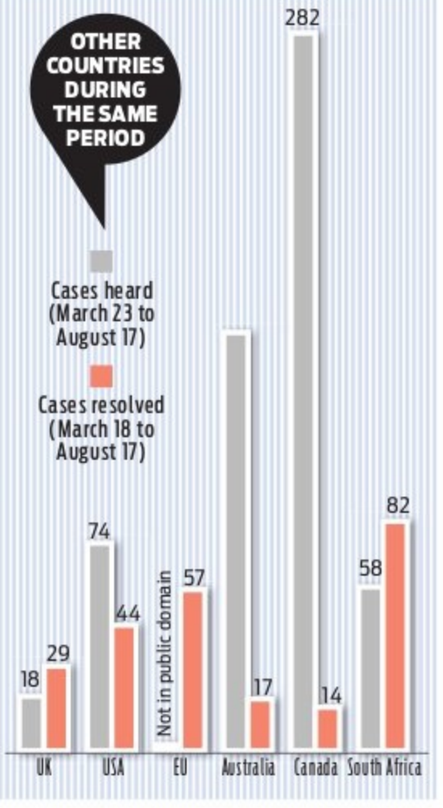
1,021 Total no. of Supreme Court benches

15,596 Total cases heard

4,300 (approx) Total matters disposed

50,475 (approx) Total number of advocates appeared virtually

OTHER COUNTRIES DURING THE SAME PERIOD



In biggest pullout, Centre orders 10,000 CAPF troops to leave J&K immediately

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Wednesday ordered an "immediate" withdrawal of around 10,000 paramilitary personnel from Jammu and Kashmir, making it the biggest withdrawal of armed force personnel from the Valley since August last year when thousands of soldiers were deployed before the Article 370 was abrogated and the state was bifurcated into two Union Territories (UTs).

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs decided to withdraw 40 companies of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and 20 companies each of three other paramilitary forces deployed in J&K — Border Security Force (BSF), CISF) and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). The troops have been asked to report "to their respective locations".

Security officials said the decision to withdraw the troops was taken after a comprehensive review of the security situation in the UT of J&K, in which the situation in the Valley was found to have improved. The officials added that a large number of troops, who have been deployed in the UT for more than a year, needed "rest, recuperation and training". Around 60,000 troops of the Central Armed Police Forces were additionally deployed in August 2019 to maintain law and order. In May, 10 companies of the CAPFs were withdrawn from J&K. while in December last year, the MHA had withdrawn around 82 companies of various paramilitary forces.

Stone pelting incidents
In 2018, there were 532 incidents of stone-pelting in Kashmir, 389 in 2019, but only 102 such incidents were reported this year, so far.

One CAPF company comprises around 100 personnel. The CRPF, the country's leading force dealing with internal security situations, has been asked to make arrangements for airlifting of their units to Delhi and other locations, officials said. The officials added that the units deployed both in J&K are being withdrawn. Security officials claimed that there is greater support from the public in general because of which counter-terror operations are being conducted without loss of civilian lives.

Bhushan files plea to defer hearing on sentencing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

LAWYER-activist Prashant Bhushan on Wednesday approached the Supreme Court urging it to defer the hearing on his sentencing, scheduled for Thursday, to allow him time to seek judicial review of his conviction in the contempt of court case.

The Supreme Court advocate has been convicted of contempt of court for his tweets against Chief Justice of India S A Bobde and former four CJIs.

In an application filed a day before the court is scheduled to pronounced the quantum of sentence, Bhushan said he intended to file a petition seeking review of the August 14 order holding him guilty of contempt of court for scandalising the judiciary.

"The applicant undertakes to file the review within 30 days from the date of judgment, as he is entitled under the law," Bhushan's plea stated. He requested the court to defer Thursday's hearing "in the interests of justice pending consideration of the review application that petitioner intends to file within the limitation period..."

If the top court proceeds with the hearing and imposes any sentence, "the same may be directed to be stayed till the remedy of review is exhausted by the applicant", he submitted.

Bhushan, in his application filed through advocate Kamini Jaiswal, said.

"Section 19(1) of the Contempt of Court Act gives a statutory right of appeal to a person found guilty of contempt by the High Court... The fact that there is no appeal against an order of this Hon'ble Court makes it doubly necessary that it takes the utmost precaution to ensure that justice is not only done but is seen to be done."

The maximum sentence prescribed under Section 12 of the Act is six-month imprisonment and a fine of ₹2,000.

August 14 ruling
The SC had said it would hear on August 20 the arguments on the quantum of sentence. A contemnor can be punished with simple imprisonment of up to six months or with a fine of up to ₹2,000 or with both

'CONSTITUTION BENCH MUST HEAR'

NEW DELHI: Former Supreme Court judge Justice Kurian Joseph on Wednesday came out in support of Prashant Bhushan, saying the contempt cases against the lawyer raised substantial questions of law which should be heard by a constitution bench.

"Under Article 145 (3) of the Constitution of India, there shall be a quorum of minimum five Judges for deciding any case involving substantial questions of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution," Joseph said in a statement.

The former judge said a three-judge bench of the Supreme Court has decided to hear a few serious questions on the scope and extent of the contempt of Court.

"Certainly, there are graver issues, involving substantial questions of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution of India. For example, whether a person convicted by the Supreme Court in a suo motu case should get an opportunity for an intra-court appeal since in all other situations of conviction in criminal matters, the convicted person is entitled to have a second opportunity by way of an appeal," he said.

Joseph said under Section 19 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, an intra-court appeal is provided where the order is passed by the single judge of the high court and in case it is by the division bench, an appeal lies to the Supreme Court.

"Let justice be done though the heavens fall is the fundamental basis of administration of justice by courts. But, if justice is not done or if there is a miscarriage of justice, heavens will certainly fall. The SC should not let it happen."

Under Article 145 (3), there shall be a quorum of minimum 5 Judges for deciding any case involving substantial questions of law as to interpretation of Constitution — Justice Kurian Joseph

103 dignitaries slam statements against SC ruling

NEW DELHI: A group of 103 retired judges, bureaucrats, veterans and writers have slammed criticism by a section of civil society of the Supreme Court verdict in the Prashant Bhushan contempt case. The group has claimed in a statement that a certain group always attempts to strike at institutions, including Parliament and judiciary, while claiming to represent the civil society.

The list of signatories include former Chief Justice of the Madras HC K R Vyas, former foreign secretary Amar Sinha, former chief secretary of Kerala Anand Bose, former DGP of Punjab P C Dogra and former V-C of Calicut University M Abdul Salam. A number of ex-envoys, retired judges and police officials have also been part of the statement.

"We, the concerned citizens of the country, are deeply concerned by such statements by a group of persons who wrongly claim to solely represent the civil society, and use every opportunity to strike at the roots of Indian democratic institutions such as Parliament, the Election Commission and now, the Supreme Court," the statement reads. *ENS*

5 ex-Cong MLAs of Manipur join BJP

NEW DELHI: Five former MLAs from Manipur, who recently resigned from the Congress, joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at the party office in Delhi on Wednesday.

After the induction, BJP national general secretary Ram Madhav said there is no threat to the N Biren Singh government in the state. The five MLAs, which included Henry Okram, nephew of the former CM Ibobi Singh, had earlier resigned from the Congress.

Oinam Lukhoi Singh, Panonam Broken, Ginsuanhau Zou, and Ngamthang Haokip were the other four who joined the BJP. The five MLAs were later welcomed in the BJP by party chief J P Nadda. The five MLAs had defied the whip issued by the Congress for the no confidence motion against the BJP led government, which was defeated with only 16 legislators supporting the motion.

Five former Congress MLAs from Manipur (standing) at BJP office | PARVEEN NEGI

Speaking to reporters, Madhav, who looks after the BJP's affairs in the Northeast, said that the incumbent government will complete the full term. *ENS*

EXPRESS READ

Privilege proceedings against Tharoor
Congress leader Shashi Tharoor and BJP MP Nishikant Dubey have sought breach of privilege proceedings against each other after a spat on social media over Tharoor's remarks on taking up the Facebook's hate rules issue in the Parliamentary Standing Committee on IT. Tharoor took strong objection to Dubey's remarks on Twitter that "the Chairman of Standing Committee does not have the authority to do anything without discussion of the agenda with its members".

Breast cancer: Single-dose radiotherapy as effective as multiple sessions, shows research

NEW DELHI: A new multi-country research spanning 19 years, which could change breast cancer treatment and reduce death rates and costs for patients, has shown that a single dose of radiotherapy at the time of lumpectomy is as effective as 3-6 weeks of radiotherapy after surgery.

In India, where the disease pushes thousands into poverty each year, this would also translate into lower costs of treatment and lower death rates.

The study, led by an Indian origin scientist attached with the University College, London, comes a day after a cancer report in India, which projected nearly 14 lakh new cancer cases this year. Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women in India.

The findings of the international randomised trial, published in the BMJ, confirm the long-term effectiveness of targeted intra-operative radiotherapy (TARGIT-IORT), a breast cancer treatment increasingly available throughout the world. TARGIT-IORT is delivered immediately after lumpectomy (tumour removal) via a small ball-shaped device placed directly inside the breast where the cancer had been. The single-dose treatment lasts for around 20-30 minutes. Conventional beam radiotherapy is delivered from outside the body via a machine and consists of a daily session over a period of three to six weeks. Each of these sessions lasts a few minutes, but requires 15 to 30 hospital visits.

The findings show that with TARGIT-IORT therapy, eight out of every 10 patients had no need for any further post-operative radiotherapy treatment. *ENS*

KASHMIR

Kashmiri Pandits, who stayed back in the Valley even at the height of militancy, have threatened to go on fast-unto-death if they were not provided monthly cash relief on pattern of migrant KPs.

81L PEOPLE AFFECTED BY FLOODS IN BIHAR

Ahmedabad	32	25	Mumbai	29	25
Bhopal	27	24	Panaji	30	24
Jaipur	31	25	Patna	32	28
Amritsar	30	26	Lucknow	31	24
Chennai	34	27	Port Blair	31	25
Kolkata	31	26	Imphal	31	23
Srinagar	29	19	Chandigarh	29	25

Sushant probe: Rush in Bihar to claim credit

From CM Nitish Kumar to LoP Tejashwi Yadav, political leaders assert their role in seeking CBI probe in the case

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

LEADERS in poll-bound Bihar were quick on their toes since the Supreme Court on Wednesday agreed to a CBI probe into Sushant Singh Rajput's death, claiming credit for making a case for such an investigation.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar spoke to a select group of media houses and said his government moved according to the law following the Constitution. He sought to make it clear the case does not have anything to do with the state polls, and that it solely involved bringing justice to the late actor's family living in the state. "I am confident the CBI will investigate the matter as soon as possible and justice will be delivered," Kumar later tweeted. He said the Bihar police action in the case has been vindicated by the SC order.

Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Yadav said his RJD was first to have demanded a CBI inquiry. "The government woke up only after 40 days," said Yadav.

LJP's Chirag Paswan hoped the CBI would cover all aspects of the case and bring justice to SSR's family. State Congress chief Madan Mohan Jha said he had visited the Rajput family and demanded a CBI probe. "We now hope for a speedy investigation," Jha said.

Pappu Yadav, national president of Jan Adhikar Party, demanded the CBI complete its probe within six months. BJP spokesperson Nikhil Anand said BJP leaders from Maharashtra had demanded such a probe.

Meanwhile, the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) shared the credit of getting a CBI probe done into the case to the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) on Wednesday.

A tweet by the RJD official Twitter handle making this claim led to a speculation that the opposition party is trying to bring the LJP out of the ruling NDA camp in Bihar ahead of the Assembly polls.

'Truth will prevail'

After the SC ruling, Rhea Chakraborty said she will cooperate with the CBI in its probe. In a statement, her lawyer Satish Mane Shinde said that the actor herself had demanded such a probe in the death of her live-in partner. "Rhea maintains that the Truth will remain the same whichever agency investigates the case." The SC also observed the allegations made by two states of political interference, he added.

This is a victory for Sushant's family. Supreme Court ruled on all points in our favour. The Court also clearly said that the FIR registered at Patna was correct

Vikas Singh, lawyer of Sushant's father

DGP's comment on Rhea raises many eyebrows

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Patna

BIHAR DGP **Gupteshwar Pandey** created a flutter when he commented that actor Rhea Chakraborty didn't have the "stature" to comment on Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

"The court order is a victory of justice. There is hope among the people that the truth in the case will come out," he told the media in Patna.

He said Rhea, in her affidavit filed in the Supreme Court, had linked the Bihar government's stance with the upcoming Assembly polls. "Rhea Chakraborty does not have the *aukat* (stature) to comment on the Bihar Chief Minister. What the police did was correct, and according to legal and constitutional provisions," he said.

Pandey was also critical of the Mumbai Police, saying the Bihar Police was being questioned as to why it filed a case. "We were not allowed to investigate. When we sent an IPS officer, he was quarantined at night like a prisoner, which made us feel that there was something wrong," Pandey said. "This is a high-profile case and many people are scared of being exposed."

Sushant's father KK Singh had last month filed an FIR with a police station in Patna. Thereafter, a four-member Patna police team visited Mumbai for investigation.

But the Mumbai Police had bluntly refused to support to the Bihar Police team, finally leading the Nitish government to recommend a CBI inquiry.

Divide in NCP over SC decision on CBI probe

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

PARTH Pawar's reaction to the SC order has once again exposed the rift in the NCP and has brought to the fore the fact that all is not well in Sharad Pawar's family.

Despite the NCP chief earlier snubbing Parth — the son of his nephew and Maharashtra Deputy CM Ajit Pawar — for supporting the demand for a CBI probe into the Sushant Singh Rajput case, the young leader on Wednesday "*Satyamev Jayate* (truth has prevailed)" after the SC order.

Pawar Senior had publicly slammed Parth, calling him "immature". Sources in the Pawar family said Supriya Sule and other family members had persuaded Parth not to make a statement that goes against the party stand.

Sources close to Ajit said that Parth is keen to lift his political career and become an MLC through the governor quota, but Sharad Pawar is against this "backdoor entry". Parth has the tacit support of his mother and some other family members, they said

PROPOSAL

In Ayodhya, it is Dhannipur mosque

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Indo-Islamic Cultural Foundation (IICF) has decided to name the proposed mosque to be built on five acres allotted by the UP government in Ayodhya as 'Dhannipur mosque'.

The state government had allocated the land under Sohawal tehsil in Ayodhya district to UP Sunni Central Waqf Board in compliance with the Supreme Court's order on November 9, 2019 settling the title suit related to the Ram Janmbhoomi-Babri masjid case.

The IIFC has also allowed donations from all faiths for the construction of the mosque, a library, hospital, and facilities on the allotted land.

Though there have been various demands over naming the proposed mosque, one of the main litigants of Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri masjid title suit, Iqbal Ansari, had demanded the Board to avoid naming the mosque after Mughal king Babar. "We have nothing to do with Babar. So no new construction should be named after him."

Ansari demanded that the mosque and other constructions on the five-acre land after icons such as APJ Abdul Kalam, Ashfaqullah Khan and Abdul Hamid.

The Ayodhya administration handed over the possession of the land formally to the mosque trust on Wednesday. After handing over possession of the land to Sunni Waqf Board, the land was registered as UPSCWB mosque in revenue documents of Sohawal tehsil (town). The land was handed over to Waqf Board only after a committee of seven revenue officials conducted its measurement in the presence of the Board representatives.

Construction will start about three months from now. People of all faiths who wish to donate are welcome only on one condition that the money donated should be clean

IICF spokesperson

"Construction will start about three months from now. People of all faiths who wish to donate are welcome only on one condition that the money donated should be clean," said IICF spokesperson Athar Hussain. The IIFC is set to open two bank accounts shortly: one for raising funds for the mosque, and the other for building a hospital and research centre.

75% relief claims found bogus in Bengal district

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

OVER 75% of relief claims were found to be false in the ruling Trinamool Congress citadel East Midnapore district in West Bengal where there have been a flood of complaints regarding irregularities in disbursal of the Amphan relief.

This startling revelations come even as Trinamool supremo Mamata Banerjee warned the rank and file of her party of taking strong action if they are found involved in irregularities.

In East Midnapore, around 2.11 lakh applications were received of which 1.45 lakh were rejected because the claimants were found not to be affected by Cyclone Amphan that wreaked havoc in eastern India in May.

Similar irregularities were noticed in South 24-Parganas, West Midnapore, North 24-Parganas, Howrah and Hooghly districts.

At many places, elected members of gram panchayats and party satraps were caught red-handed diverting the government fund to the bank accounts of their relatives and family members. The TMC high command already expelled 18 gram panchayat members and show caused several hundreds.

''The government wanted to ensure not a single affected person is deprived of the compensation package. Accordingly, people were asked to submit applications on August 6 and 7,'' said East Midnapore district magistrate Partha Ghosh. "In East Midnapore district, around 2,11,000 applications were received and after inquiry, 1,45,515 applicants were found not eligible."

EXPRESS READ

Detention? Farooq calls NC leaders' meet

Srinagar: With the government informing the HC that no leaders are in detention, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah has called four of his party leaders whom the party says are in house detention for a meeting at his residence on Thursday. A spokesman of the National Conference said the party is hopeful that the liberty of the members, who are under detention, is now 'absolute'.

UP: Bus hijacked with passengers on board

Lucknow: A privately-operated bus with 34 passengers on board was hijacked by recovery agents of a finance company in Uttar Pradesh's Agra on Wednesday morning. The incident took place in the Malpura police station area when the bus was en route to Panna in MP from Gurgaon in Haryana. Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Awanish Awasthi said the bus driver, staff and passengers are safe.

Boundary wall: Visva Bharati skips meeting with DM; faculty for talks

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

VISVA BHARATI authorities on Wednesday skipped a meeting convened by the Birbhum district magistrate in the wake of ruckus at the central university over the construction of a boundary wall on an open land which is venue of the annual *Poush Mela* (winter fair).

Though the local elected representatives and police were present at the meeting but no one from the university authorities turned up.

On Monday, trouble broke out at the university founded by Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore after a large number of locals protested against the university's decision of constructing of a boundary wall in the adjoining open ground. Some 3,000 odd people went on the rampage damaging a portion of the newly built wall and some heritage structure using a bulldozer. The gate of the ground was also pulled down.

Police detain BJP activists during a protest over Visva Bharati in Kolkata | PTI

On Wednesday, Visva-Bharati University Faculty Association said it favoured discussions with all the stakeholders before any crucial decision is taken by the authorities.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had said that the police are not authorised to enter the central university premises if their help is not sought by the vice-chancellor. "I do not want any construction on the *Poush Mela* ground as it will destroy the beauty and essence of Shantiniketan. I have asked the DM to discuss the issue with the university."

The university authority informed the Centre about the incident on Monday.

Visva Bharati authorities decided to suspend *Poush Mela* on the ground citing its bitter experience of the previous two years in organising the event amid a tussle with traders over NGT guidelines.

TECH HELP

Graduation, PG final exams to be online in MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE Madhya Pradesh higher education department has decided to hold open book exams for graduation final year and post-graduation fourth semester starting next month.

The Department of Higher Education issued a circular signed by Principal Secretary Anupam Rajan on Tuesday. It attributed the switch to the present Covid-19 situation in the state. Over six lakh graduation final year and post-graduation fourth semester students in 1,406 colleges will write their exams from the safety of their homes via the open book system.

The students will access the question paper online and then write their answer on the answer sheets (personal sheets) which can be submitted at the nearest collection centre.

The government has instructed all colleges to facilitate collection of answer sheets. Similarly, all government higher secondary and high schools will collect the answer sheets. Further details will be issued by the universities and principals of colleges.

According to state government sources, the pending exams of graduation final year and PG fourth semester, which couldn't be conducted in March-April owing to the nationwide lockdown and later due to surge in Covid-19 cases, are being held now to prevent the virus spread.

Alarm bells ring as Kota reserve loses 4 big cats

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE loss of two adult tigers and two cubs in less than a month has set alarm bells ringing at Rajasthan's third tiger reserve, the Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve (MHTR) in Kota.

A four-month injured male cub which was rescued and shifted to the Kota Zoo for treatment died on Tuesday.

"The cub died of hemorrhagic shock due to excessive bleeding," said an official who conducted the postmortem examination. The cub was buried in the zoo premises.

The cub's mother, MT-2, was found dead on August 3 and the cub's sibling, MT-4, has not been seen since May 22, forcing the experts to believe the cub may be dead. Forest officials, though, have not officially confirmed MT-4's death.

Earlier, a tiger MT-3 was found dead on July 23. According to forest officials, MT-3 was unable to move for several days. The loss in barely four weeks has put a serious question mark over conservation efforts at Mukundra.

MT-3 died because of multiple organ failure, according to a report from the Indian Veterinary Research Institute. The postmortem report of MT-2 ruled out poisoning as the cause of death.

The Mukundra reserve is the third tiger reserve in Rajasthan. It was created with portions of wildlife sanctuaries of Kota, Bundi, Jhalawar and Chittorgarh. Spread across 759 sq km area, it is located in the south-eastern part of Kota.

The park got the approval of the National Tiger Conservation Authority in 2013 and became home to four tigers which were shifted there from Ranthambore. Now it is left with only two adult tigers.

The state government has set up an administrative inquiry into the circumstances leading to the tiger deaths.

Minister tests +ve, entire J'khand Cabinet in isolation

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

JHARKHAND Chief Minister Hemant Soren and seven ministers went into home quarantine after Health Minister Banna Gupta tested Covid positive on Tuesday.

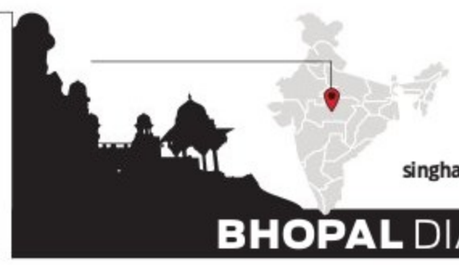
Gupta had attended a Cabinet meeting in Ranchi due to which the Cabinet Secretariat is now under scanner for coronavirus.

Soren is likely to undergo COVID-19 test for the third time. He had underwent tests on July 8 after Cabinet Minister Mithlesh Takur tested positive, and August 20 after 17 staff members at his residence were found positive.

"All those people, including the CM, have already gone into home quarantine and the due process as per the set protocol will be followed subsequently," said Principal Health Secretary Nitin Madan Kulkarni. Contact tracing will be done to ascertain people who came in contact with Gupta.

Covid facility turns into exam centre for student

The Covid Care Centre in MP's Mandsaur district turned into an exam centre on August 17 for a 17-year-old patient. The teenager, a Class XII student, had to appear in the MP Board supplementary exams in two subjects on August 17 and 24. But a few days before the exam, he tested Covid positive along with four other family members. Mandsaur District Collector Manoj Pushp worked with the government to allow the student to take the exam at a Covid Care Centre. The teenager, after getting medical clearance, took the exam under CCTV camera and watchful eyes of a doctor on August 17.



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BHOPAL DIARY

Another MP minister tests Covid positive

Another member of the Shivraj Singh Chouhan Cabinet has tested Covid positive in Madhya Pradesh. Dr Mohan Yadav, Minister for Higher Education, tested positive for the deadly viral infection on Tuesday evening. A multiple-time BJP legislature from Ujjain district, Yadav was subsequently admitted at Sri Aurobindo Institute of Medical Sciences (SAIMS) in Indore. Yadav had attended a series of public programmes in Indore and Ujjain recently. Rajya Sabha member Jyotiraditya Scindia was among those who attended some of these events. Yadav is the fifth minister from Madhya Pradesh to have tested positive. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has recently recovered from the infection after he underwent treatment at a hospital.

Family's dance video goes viral

A family of eight, who recently turned Covid-19 negative, celebrated their win over the virus by dancing to the tunes of a Bollywood number at the Covid ward of the district hospital in Katni district. The video of the family, including youngsters, teenagers and kids, went viral over the social media. According to Dr Yashwant Sharma, civil surgeon at Katni district hospital, eight numbers of the family were infected by the virus and all of them were admitted together at the same ward to keep them in a positive spirit. They responded well to the treatment and won the battle in a fortnight, he said.

Peshwa samadhi to feature in calendar

Maratha statesman Shrimant Baji Rao Peshwa's samadhi (memorial) located on the banks of river Narmada in Raverkhedi area of Khargone district will find a place in the annual calendar of the MP Tourism and Culture Department. The state's tourism, culture and spiritualism department minister Usha Thakur visited the Peshwa's memorial on August 18 to celebrate the birth anniversary of the legendary Maratha warrior. She announced that pictures and historical facts about the riverside memorial will be included in the tourism department's calendar.

55%,
Percentage of Lebanon's population currently trapped in poverty and struggling for bare necessities, according to UN figures

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	26	16 SNY	Los Angeles	32	20 SNY
Colombo	31	24 TDS	Melbourne	14	8 LC
Doha	42	31 SNY	Moscow	21	9 LC
Dubai	40	30 SNY	New York	27	18 SNY
Houston	35	24 SNY	Singapore	30	25 TDS
Istanbul	27	20 LC	Toronto	26	16 SNY
London	29	16 SNY	Washington DC	29	21 LC

Democrats officially pick Biden to fight Trump

Two former presidents also made an appearance on DNC's 2nd night

If you want a president who defines the job as spending hours a day watching TV and zapping people on social media, he's your man

Bill Clinton, former US President

Donald Trump inherited a growing economy and a more peaceful world. And like everything else he inherited, he bankrupted it. When this president goes oversees it isn't a goodwill mission. It's a blooper reel

John Kerry, former US Secretary of State

In a time when millions of people in the United States are looking for deep systemic solutions to our crisis of mass evictions, unemployment, and lack of health care, en el espiritu del pueblo, and out of a love for all people, I hereby second the nomination of Senator Bernard Sanders of Vermont for president of the United States of America

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Representative

The burdens we carry are heavy, and we need someone with strong shoulders. If we entrust this nation to Joe, he will do for your family what he did for ours: Bring us together and make us whole, carry us forward in our time of need, keep the promise of America, for all of us

Jill Biden, Joe Biden's wife

Screengrab from a video shows Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden, his wife Jill Biden, and members of the Biden family, celebrate after the roll call vote during the second night of the Convention on Tuesday | AP

WILMINGTON

DEMOCRATS formally nominated Joe Biden as their presidential candidate, with party elders, a new generation of politicians and voters in every state joining in an extraordinary, pandemic-cramped virtual convention to send him into the general election campaign to oust President Donald Trump.

For someone who has spent more than three decades eyeing the presidency, the moment Tuesday night was the realisation of a long-sought goal. But it occurred in a way that the 77-year-old couldn't have imagined just months ago as the coronavirus pandemic prompted profound change across the country and in his presidential campaign.

Biden celebrated his new status as the Democratic nominee alongside his wife and grandchildren in a Delaware school library. His wife of more than 40 years, Jill Biden, later spoke of her husband in deeply personal terms, reintroducing the lifelong politician as a man of deep empathy, faith and resilience to American voters less than three months before votes are counted.

The convention's most highly anticipated moments will unfold on the next two nights. Kamala Harris will accept her nomination as Biden's running mate on Wednesday, the first Black woman to join a major party ticket. Former President Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton will also speak as part of their stepped-up efforts to defeat Trump.

Biden will deliver his acceptance speech Thursday night in a convention hall near his Delaware home. HE used the second night of the four-day convention to feature a mix of party elders, Republican as well as Democratic, to make the case that he has the experience and energy to repair chaos that Trump has created. Former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State John Kerry — and former Republican Secretary of State Colin Powell — were among the heavy hitters on a schedule that emphasised: Leadership matters. Former President Jimmy Carter also made an appearance.

John McCain's wife bats for Biden

WILMINGTON: Cindy McCain is going to bat for Joe Biden, lending her voice to a video set to air during Tuesday night's Democratic National Convention programming focused on Biden's close friendship with her late husband, Republican Senator John McCain of Arizona. Cindy McCain's involvement is her biggest public show of support yet for Biden's candidacy AP

WH: Don's choice for GOP's nomination

MILWAUKEE

US President Donald Trump on Tuesday said he would accept his party's re-election nomination from the White House next week, as his Democratic opponents intensified their attacks on his chaotic presidency and touted Joe Biden as the must-elect replacement. Trump made the revelation as the Democratic National Convention gathered for its second day.

On Tuesday, during a visit to Arizona, Trump knocked Michele Obama for delivering taped remarks.

"Thursday night I'm doing it live," Trump said, referring to his speech next week when he formally accepts his party's nomination at the online Republican convention. The location Trump chose is a controversial decision given that presidents are required to separate their campaigning from taxpayer-funded governing.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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I, **VENUGOPAL**, S/o D.N.Saroja, aged about 41 years, residing at B003, Royal Legend Apartment, Kodichi kkanahalli Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru South, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru, I, Declare that the names i.e, **VENUGOPAL** and **VENUGOPAL SAROJA**, are one and the same and both belong to me only, vide affidavit dated 10.08.2020, before Notary **A.C. SUBBU SWAMY**, Bangalore.

NAME CONFIRMATION
I, **Smt. Sunitha Biswas, W/o. Pintu Biswas,** aged about 35 years, R/o 308/6, Door No.1, Ist cross, Ramakrishna Reddy Layout, Maha devapura Bande, Bangalore – 560 048, do hereby solemnly affirm and state that, in EPFO records **(UAN No.100818180456)**, name is wrongly mentioned as **Sumithi D.** I herein intend to clarify and declare that, my name is renounced from **SUMITHI D.** to **SUNITHA BISWAS** and now I herein intend to declare that **SUNITHA BISWAS** is correct and same be is to be rectified in necessary records, vide affidavit dated 10.8.2020 before Notary Sri. T Mallikarjuna, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Geetha Munigangaiah, D.O.B : 20.07.1977, W/o. Harish Chikka kadalur Nanje Gowda, R/at No 14/1, 1st Floor, 11th A Cross Road, 2nd Stage, W.O.C Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru 560086. I have changed my name from **'GEETHA HARISH'** to **'GEETHA MUNIGANGAIAH'** Vide affidavit dated 19.08.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUBANA NABISAB MANNANGI** S/o Nabisab, aged about 44 years, residing at No.229, 6th Main Road, CBHS Layout, Vyalikaval, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-40, I declare that my name entered as **SUBHAN NABISAB MANNANGI**, in my passport details instead of **SUBANA NABISAB MANNANGI**. My correct name is **SUBANA NABISAB MANNANGI**, vide affidavit dated 19.08.2020, before Notary **T.C. THIMMARAJA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO. JC.273708M SUB MAJ Suresh.P Unit 222 FD REGT, residing at No. 35, 4th A Cross, Sri Puttamuniswamappa Layout, Manjunatha Nagar, Kalkere, Bangalore PIN:560043, Karnataka, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from **MARY SALENA NANCY** to **MARY SALINA NANCY.S** vide affidavit Dated 07/08/2020 sworn before Notary Y.V.Shankar, Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, RAJA.K, Son of Krishne Gowda, residing at No. 48, 3rd Floor, 5th Cross, T.G.Layout, Ittamadu BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085, State that my correct name is **RAJA.K** but in my HDFC Bank Account my name is wrongly mentioned as **RAJ.K,** I further declare that my correct name is **RAJA.K** and D.O.B is **04/01/1991** vide affidavit Dated 19/08/2020 sworn before Notary Thimmaraja, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ROSY K. REGI**, (DOB-15.03.1967) W/o Regi K Varughese, R/o #B-502, VDB Celadon Shivanahalli, Jakkur Main Road, Raithara Santhe, Yelahanka, Bangalore – 560064 have changed my name as **ROSY VARGHESE**, vide affidavit no. IN-KA03893065046986S dated 19.08.2020 sworn before notary **D Sarala Kumari**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO. JC.273708M SUB MAJ Suresh.P Unit 222 FD REGT, residing at No. 35, 4th A Cross, Sri Puttamuniswamappa Layout, Manjunatha Nagar, Kalkere, Bangalore PIN:560043, Karnataka, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from **S.MERLYN** to **MERLYN.S** vide affidavit Dated 07/08/2020 sworn before Notary Y.V.Shankar, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, CHANNAMALLASWAMY son of Rudrayya swamy, aged about 44 years, residing at 89/1, 3rd Cross, Opposite MORE shopping Mall, near Benniganahalli, Bus Stop, Nagavar Palya Main Road, C.V.Raman Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560093, state on behalf of minor son that I have changed my son name as **AYUSH. C. VIRAKTHAMATH** (New Name), previously called **BHARGAV. C. VIRAKTHAMATH** (Old Name), for all purposes, by swearing to an affidavit in front of 24th Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore on 19/08/2020.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ASHA Y R,** D/o **Rajanna,** R/at No.1802, Elana The Paramount, Sy No.168, off Ittamadu Road, TATA The Promont, Hosakerehalli, BSK 3rd Stage Bengaluru-560085, have changed my name to **AISIRI Y R** vide affidavit dated: 17/08/2020 before notary **H.G.Padmanabha Rao** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Manash Senapati, D.O.B : 18.03.1989, S/o. Madan Senapati, R/at No.32, J.K.Farm, 1st Main Road, Dubasipalya, R.V.College Post, Bengaluru 560059. I have changed my name from **'MANASH SENAPATI to MANAS SENAPATI** Vide affidavit dated 19.08.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya, Bengaluru.

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E-Auction Notification

Tender No: SSCL/CR/152/2017-18 Date: 18.08.2020
SSCL invites applications from scheduled banks for investment of way of deposit of unspent funds out of its project funds. Documents for e-auction can be downloaded from e-portal through website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. **Fund name: SSCL Project Fund** 1. Amount Available (Rs. in Crores) **100.00 (Packages of 20 cr x5),** Period of investment: **1 Year,** Elegibility: **Public sector scheduled banks +RRB's,** Date of e-Auction Notification: **18.08.2020,** Date and Time of Live Auction: **Commences at 10.30 am & Concludes at 2.15pm on 07.09.2020,** Date of Investment: **09.09.2020 to 15.09.2020.**
2. Amount Available (Rs. in Crores) **40.00 (Packages of 20 cr x2),** Period of investment: **1 Year,** Elegibility: **Private sector scheduled banks,** Date of e-Auction Notification: **18.08.2020,** Date and Time of Live Auction: **Commences at 03.00 pm & Concludes at 4.30pm on 07.09.2020,** Date of Investment: **09.09.2020 to 15.09.2020.**
EMD Amount of Rs. 10,000/- should be paid through e-portal. SCHEDULE OF VARIOUS EVENTS FOR e-AUCTION: SI.NO1. Date of e-Auction Notification: **18.08.2020, 2.** Pre-Bid Meeting: **25.08.2020 on 03.00pm, 3.** Last Date to upload the Eligibility Criteria in Annexure-A & Declaration in Annexure-B in the e-portal: **02.09.2020 on or before 04.00pm, 4.** Live Bidding: **07.09.2020 (10.30am to 4.30pm), 5.** Date of Investment: **09.09.2020 to 15.09.2020.**
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Sd/- Managing Director Shivamogga Smart City Limited,

SVC CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.
RECOVERY DEPARTMENT: SVC TOWER, JAWAHARLAL NEHRU ROAD, VAKOLA, SANTACRUZ (EAST), MUMBAI-400 055. TEL NO.71999980/71999928/71999970
REGIONAL OFFICE AT: NO.1, 2ND FLOOR, CENTRAL BANK ROAD, CHAMRAJPET, BANGALORE - 560 018, PH: 080 71231027 TO 32
HAVING ONE OF ITS BRANCHES AT 5TH CROSS, 1ST STAGE, KSSIDC MULTI STOREYED BUILDING,PEENYA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BENGALURU - 560058.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, the physical possession has been taken by the Authorized Officer of SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 23.09.2020 for recovery of **Rs.13,65,11,115.75** (Rupees Thirteen Crore Sixty Five Lakh Eleven Thousand One Hundred Fifteen and paisa Seventy Five only) as on 31.07.2020 together with future interest from 01.08.2020 at contractual rate plus legal costs/charges due to SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., the Secured Creditor from **(1) M/s. SRI. BALAJI STEELS,** No 3, Mariyappa Complex, Ganapathi Nagar, Rajagopal Nagar Main Road, Peenya 3rd Phase, Bengaluru-560058, **(2) SRI. A. MOHAMMED ISMAIL,** No: 724, 9th Main Road, 3rd Stage, Pillanna Garden, Bengaluru-560 045,**(3) SMT. R. NUSRATH GULZAR,** No: 15, 9th Main, 3rd Stage, Pillanna Garden, Bengaluru-560045, **(4) SHRI. ABDUL SUBHAN,** No.04, Westran Extension, Santepete, Tumkur-572101, **(5) SHRI. GOPAL MISHRA, & SMT. SARITHA MISHRA,** both are residing at Flat No:1301, Block-I, 3rd Floor, "ANRIYA ATRIEUS" Apartments, 25th Cross, 5th Block, 1st Stage, HBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru-560043.
The reserve price will be **Rs. 2,37,00,000/-** (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Seven Lakh only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 23,70,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Three lakh Seventy Thousand only).
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY
All That Piece And Parcel of Portion of Immovable Property bearing Industrially Converted Survey No: 206/2 of Tumkur Ammanikere Village, Kasaba: Hobli, Taluka & District: Tumkur duly converted from agricultural to Non-agricultural Industrial Purpose vide Official Memorandum bearing No: ALN/CR/33/2002-03:ALN/SR/17/2002-03 dated 04/06/2002 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, Tumkur measuring East to West 117+115/2 Feet and North to South 110 Feet in all measuring 11½ Guntas (Eleven and Half Guntas) along with a Building constructed with all civic amenities and bounded as follows: East by : Property of Tammanachar. West by: 30 Feet Wide Road. South by: Property of Sarangi Ramaiaha North by : Remaining Portion of the same Survey No. sold to B.M. Mastana measuring 11 ½ Guntas.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer to the link provided in SVC Co-Operative Bank Ltd., the Secured Creditor's website i.e. **https://www.svcbank.com/Home/Notice-Of-Sale**
Date : 20.08.2020 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd.**

(Left) Belarusian opposition supporters gather for a protest rally in front of the government building at Independent Square in Minsk. (Right) Image showing EU leaders during an emergency video summit to discuss the Belarus crisis | AP/AFP

EU rejects Belarus election results

MINSK

THE European Union on Wednesday rejected the result of Belarus's disputed presidential election as strongman leader Alexander Lukashenko ordered his security forces to prevent any further unrest.

Following an emergency video conference on the elections, European Council chief Charles Michel said the EU would soon levy sanctions against a "substantial number" of people responsible for vote rigging and the violent suppression of protests in the ex-Soviet country.

Protesters have flooded the streets of Belarusian cities in the wake of the August 9 election, waving the red-and-white flags of the opposition and calling on Lukashenko to step down after he claimed a sixth term with some 80 per cent of the ballot.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said the EU rejects the results of the vote, which was "neither free nor fair".

Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, a 37-year-old political novice who fled to neighbouring Lithuania after claiming victory in the vote, earlier on Wednesday urged EU leaders not to recognise the "fraudulent" ballot.

Western leaders including French President Emmanuel Macron, this week called on Lukashenko's close ally Russia to foster talks between authorities and the opposition. The Kremlin on Wednesday described foreign interference in Belarus as "unacceptable" and Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov condemned what he said were attempts from abroad to take advantage of unrest in Belarus.

Some in Europe are concerned that hitting Lukashenko and his associates too hard might drive Belarus into the arms of Russia, even though relations between Minsk and Moscow have been troubled in recent years. But experts tend to play down those worries, and say the people of Belarus only want to secure independence, and aren't interested in deeper relations with Russia, the EU, or in joining Moscow's nemesis, NATO. *Agencies*

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"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Baroda,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below –

Sr/Lot No.	Name & address of Borrower/s /Guarantor/ s/ Mortgagor (s)	Detailed description of the immovable properties with known encumbrances, if any	Branch Name/Total Dues.	Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price, EMD amount, Bid Increase Amount.	Last date and time of receipt of EMD and Bank a/c details with IFSC for transfer of EMD	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1	**Mr. Ravikumar P** #2798 Hebbagodi Anekal Taluk Bangalore - 560099 & **2. Mrs Janaki K** #2798 Hebbagodi ,Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 560099	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing NO -2/4, KHATHA NO.2/4, CHIKKATHOGUR VILLAGE, BEGUR HOBLI, BANGALORE SOUTH TALUK 560100	**BRANCH : CHANDAPURA (EVB) A/C. NO.144608351000017 RS.41,12,309/-** AS ON **30.07.2020** WITH FURTHER INTEREST FROM **01.08.2020** ALONG WITH COSTS AND OTHER CHARGES	**21-09-2020 11 AM TO 12 AM**	**RESERVE PRICE: 22,27,500/-** (Twenty Two Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred only) **EMD AMOUNT: 2,22,750/-** (Two Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Seven Fifty) BID INCREASE AMOUNT : **Rs.25,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	**18-09-2020 AND TIME 05.00 PM A/C NUM-144600501000003 IFSC-VIJB0001446**	**PHYSICAL**	**AFTER 24-08-2020 11 AM ONWARDS CONTACT: AUTHORISED OFFICER BANK OF BARODA 080-27835966 9686192444**
2	**1. Mrs. SUJATHA R** #46 Nagarathnapura Village Begur Hobli 560100 AND **2. Mr. KUMAR D** Nagarathnapura Village Begur Hobli 560100	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No 46 Khatha No 2 Nagarathnapura Village Begur Hobli - 560100	**BRANCH : CHANDAPURA (EVB) A/C.NO.144608531000013 RS.15,09,676/-** AS ON **31.07.2020** WITH FURTHER INTEREST FROM **01.08.2020** ALONG WITH COSTS AND OTHER CHARGES.	**21-09-2020 11 AM TO 12 AM**	**RESERVE PRICE:17,45,100/-** (Seventeen Lakh Forty Five Thousand One Hundred) **EMD AMOUNT: 1,74,510/-** (One Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Five Hundred Ten Only) BID INCREASE AMOUNT : **Rs.25,000/-**(Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	**18-09-2020 AND TIME 05.00 PM A/C NUM-144600501000003 IFSC-VIJB0001446**	**PHYSICAL**	**AFTER 24-08-2020 11 AM ONWARDS CONTACT: AUTHORISED OFFICER BANK OF BARODA 080-27835966 9686192444**
3	**1.Mr. Uttam Khati (Borrower), Prop: Uttam Motors,** # No.112/2, Ground Floor, Mangammanapalya Main Road, Bommanahalli Hosur Road, Bangalore - 560068. **2.Mr. Gyanendra Singh Khati (Guarantor),** No.556/7, Ground Floor, Rajanna Layout, Bangalore South, Bangalore – 560076.	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.72, HCL-72, formed by Ramanagara Channapatna Urban Development Authority Ramanagara, Health City Layout, (Archkarahalli), 6th Main Road, Ramanagara, measuring East to West 9.00 Mtr. North to South East Side 7.80 Mtr. And West Side 6.80 Mtr. Total 65.70 Sq Mtr/ Trapezodial (707.19 sq ft), Bounded by: East: Road, West: Site No.73, North: Site No.71, South: Road.	**BRANCH : BTM LAYOUT (EVB) A/C NO. 140606211000031, RS.2465819.46 AND A/C NO. 140608411000267, RS. 12,355.29 TOTALLY RS. 2478174.75** AS ON **31.07.2020** WITH FURTHER INTEREST FROM **01.08.2020** ALONG WITH COSTS AND OTHER CHARGES.	**21-09-2020 12 AM TO 1 PM**	**RESERVE PRICE:7,00,000/-** (Seven Lakhs) **EMD AMOUNT 70,000/-** (Seventy Thousand) BID INCREASE AMOUNT : **Rs.25,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	**18-09-2020 AND TIME 05.00 PM A/C NUM-144600501000003 IFSC-VIJB0001446**	**PHYSICAL**	**AFTER 24-08-2020 11 AM ONWARDS CONTACT: AUTHORISED OFFICER BANK OF BARODA 080-26681866/26681766 9986515814**
4	**Mrs.Pooja Mishara** w/o Avinash Mishra and **Mr Avinash Mishra** S/o Mr Rajeshwar Datta Mishra, both residing at no 1, raghavendra Layout, Gopalakrishna Building, Gottigere, Bangalore -560083	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat no 201, 2nd floor, D block, of Pruthvi Royal Apartment, measuring 1483.12 sq ft in Sy no 43, BBMP Khata No 220/43, situated at Gottigere village, Uttarahalli Hobbli, under BBMP ward no 194, Bangalore south Taluk, having undivided share of 382.24 sq ft.	**BRANCH : BANASHANKARI(EVB) A/C.102008351000172 RS.49,13,791.40 AND 102008351000189 RS.684001.00 TOTALLY RS.5597792.40** AS ON **31.07.2020** WITH FURTHER INTEREST FROM **01.08.2020** ALONG WITH COSTS AND OTHER CHARGES.	**21-09-2020 12 AM TO 1 PM**	**RESERVE PRICE: 54,61,000/-** (Fifty Four Lakhs Sixty One Thousand) **EMD AMOUNT: 5,46,100/-** (Five Lakhs Forty Six One Thousand) BID INCREASE AMOUNT : **Rs.25,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	**18-09-2020 AND TIME 05.00 PM A/C NUM - 102000301000310 IFSC- VIJB0001020**	**PHYSICAL**	**AFTER 24-08-2020 11 AM ONWARDS CONTACT: AUTHORISED OFFICER BANK OF BARODA 080-26651140/22443179 8310822825**
5	**1. Mr. Muthupalaniappan. P. L** Residing At Flat No 202, Axis CITRINO, 2nd Floor, Bommanahalli, Begur Hobli, Bangalore - 560100	All That piece And parcel of the Immovable Property of Appartment No. 202, 2nd Floor, In Building "AXIS CITRINO" of The Property Bearing House List No.1, With A Super Buit Up Area of 1200sqft And Now Assigned As Amalgamates BBMP Katha No.638/627/613/62/1/543/12, Bommanahalli Village, Begur Hobli Bangalore South.	**BRANCH: ROSARB A/C:27500600011441 RS. 27,60,528.78** AS ON **31.05.2020** WITH FURTHER INTEREST FROM **01.03.2020** ALONG WITH COSTS AND OTHER CHARGES.	**21-09-2020 1 PM TO 2 PM**	**RESERVE PRICE: 45,50,000/-** (Forty Five Lakh Fifty Thousand) **EMD AMOUNT : 4,55,000/-** (Four Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand) Bid Increase Amount : **Rs.25,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	**18-09-2020 AND TIME 05.00 PM AC NUM-61360015181219 IFSC-BARB0SARBES**	**PHYSICAL**	**AFTER 24-08-2020 11 AM ONWARDS CONTACT: AUTHORISED OFFICER BANK OF BARODA 9380456755**
6	1. Mr. E.B. Amaresh S/o Mr. Balakrishna Murthy Residing At No.246/1, 9th Cross, N.R. Colony, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560019. 2. Smt.E.B. Susheela W/o Mr. E.B.Amaresh Residing At No.246/1, 9th Cross, N.R.Colony, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560019.	All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property Bearing Flot No B-010 On The Ground Floor In The Appartment Building Known As "Fern Saroj" In Block-b Aith Super Buit Up Area Of 1900 Sqft Along With 707 Sqft Of Undivided Share Of The Property Bearing CMC Khata No 15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22 (formed In Sy No. 149/1 And 149/2) Consolidated Khata No 22 Of Annasandrapalya Village, Vibhutipura, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore South, Now Within The Limits of BBMP Measuring In All 70963.50 Sqft.	**BRANCH: ROSARB A/C:28740600001877 RS.79,88,992.55** AS ON **31.05.2020** WITH FURTHER INTEREST FROM **01.03.2020** ALONG WITH COSTS AND OTHER CHARGES.	**21-09-2020 1 PM TO 2 PM**	**RESERVE PRICE:60,00,000/- (Sixty Lakhs) EMD AMOUNT : 6,00,000/- (Six Lakhs) BID INCREASE AMOUNT : RS.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)**	**18-09-2020 AND TIME 05.00 PM AC NUM-61360015181219 IFSC-BARB0SARBES**	**PHYSICAL**	**AFTER 24-08-2020 11 AM ONWARDS CONTACT: AUTHORISED OFFICER BANK OF BARODA 9380456755**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and https://ibapi.in.** Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer on **Tel No. 080- 25584066, 9986738049/9916287626,**

Date: 19.08.2020, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
86.47 ▲	Sensex	38,614.79	₹115 ▼	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,339.4	₹2,200 ▼	Per kg	₹67,072	▼ Dollar	74.82
23.05 ▲	Nifty	11,408.4	₹118 ▼	22 carat (1 gm)	₹5,318	₹2.20 ▼	Per gm	₹67.1	▼ Euro	89.02

REVIVAL RISKS

REFORMS KEY FOR RECOVERY: WB

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

IN order to recover from the Covid-19-driven economic crises, India needs to continue implementing critical reforms in key areas such as health, labor, land, skills and finance, said the World Bank's in its latest India Development Update report. These reforms, according to the multilateral agency, should aim at enhancing the productivity of the Indian economy and spur private investments and exports. Junaid Ahmad, World Bank Country Director in India said, "Countries that invest in sectoral reforms—infrastructure, labor and land, human capital—and ensure that their national systems are connected to the Global Value Chains, are more able to respond to uncertainties and are better placed to take advantage of any global shifts. Investing in these areas will give India the ability to navigate these uncertainties and be more competitive as the world emerges from the pandemic."

The financial institution also projects a steeper contraction of India's economy than the 3.2 per cent it had forecasted previously for the current financial. "The outlook comes predicated with several downside risks. Further challenges have emerged in recent weeks which are likely to weigh on the prospects in the near term. These risks include the virus continuing to spread; a further deterioration in the global outlook; and additional strains projected on the financial sector. Keeping these factors in mind, a steeper contraction may be projected in the revised outlook that will be available in October 2020," the report said.

According to the World Bank, fiscal deficit of the central government is likely to increase to 6.6 per cent of GDP in FY21 and is expected to remain elevated at 5.5 per cent in the following year. "The combined deficit could rise to around 11 per cent in FY21," it said.

Populism a key risk for Indian economy, says JP Morgan

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

A steady rise in populist politics in today's political environment poses a key risk for companies whose fortunes are closely tied to the Indian economy, warn analysts at JP Morgan Chase.

Despite the country relaxing Covid-19 related lockdowns, patchy economic recovery and low demand coupled with little fresh investment is worrying, the institution said, warning that the devastation from the pandemic is fostering conditions in which populist rhetoric thrives. The falling share of income going to the lower and middle-income groups will likely also worsen this trend, it said.

"Rising populism could impact market valuations, at least in part due to protectionist trade and foreign direct investment policies inhibiting growth," it said in a note, adding that Thailand and the Philippines are among other Asian economies facing such risks. The report comes in the backdrop of India tightening its FDI rules, especially for China and other neighbouring countries, in the aftermath of the Galwan Valley border standoff and the subsequent call for a self-reliant India.

"Populism is linked with weaker economic growth in the long-term, which could weigh on India's rich equity valuations," JP Morgan's report said, adding that focus should on consumer, services and healthcare-oriented companies.

Discoms granted one-time relief from UDAY loan limit

Working capital credit above 25% of previous year's revenue permitted

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Union Cabinet on Wednesday chose to grant significant relief to stressed power distribution companies (discom), extending a one-time relaxation in thresholds which govern whether discoms can get working capital loans under the Ujjwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) scheme.

The move is a crucial one, since the Centre's ₹90,000 crore liquidity relief programme for discoms is to be disbursed under UDAY by state-run power sector financiers: REC Ltd. and PFC Ltd. Under UDAY guidelines, discoms can get working capital loans of only up to 25 per cent of the previous year's revenues.

The pandemic has, however, sent power demand and bill collections tumbling, and officials say many discoms need to be able to access higher amounts of credit. "The Power sector has a problem," said Union Minister Prakash Javadekar at a post-meeting press briefing, "There is a slump in power consumption. The bills are not being collected by them. PFC and REC have been allowed to give loans above the limit...(of) more than 25 per cent working capital limit. This will increase liquidity of the state discoms".

The pandemic had destroyed a large portion of power demand during the peak lockdown period, with high-paying industrial customers closing shop. The result is that discom revenues have plunged since April, when almost a quarter of power demand was lost.

However, things have improved steadily since the unlocking exercise was begun in the latter half of May, with power production going from a 14.3 per cent fall in May, to a 9.9 per cent decline in June and a 1.8 per cent decline in July.

"Revenues of the power distribution companies have nosedived as people are unable to pay for the electricity consumed while power supplies., being an essential service, have been maintained. Energy consumption has decreased substantially. The liquidity of the power sector is not expected to improve in the short term, as economic activity and power demand will take some time to pick up," the government said in an official statement.

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> Official statement, Government of India

World trade hit record low in Apr-Jun, but mild recovery likely this qtr: WTO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PANDEMIC-induced disruptions may see global merchandise trade plummet to a historic 18.5 per cent fall in the second quarter of 2020, at par with the lows of the 2008-09 financial crisis.

According to the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) Goods Trade Barometer, the Q2 reading of 84.5 was the lowest on record for trade data going back to 2007. Compared to the year-ago period, the index was down 18.6 points, but the institution noted that there were indications of a slight recovery in the third quarter. "Additional indicators point to partial upticks in world trade and output in the third quarter, but the strength of any such recovery remains highly uncertain: an L-shaped, rather than V-shaped, trajectory can't be ruled out," it said.

Export orders from countries, including India, with a barometer reading of 88.4, have started showing signs of recovery. Indices for electronic components (92.8) and agricultural raw materials (92.5), too, have held up relatively well, showing only small declines. For starters, a reading of 100 on the barometer indicates growth in line with medium-term trends; readings greater than 100 suggest above-trend growth, while below 100 indicate below-trend.

Indices for automotive products (71.8) and air freight (76.5) have been by far the worst on record since 2007. Container shipping (86.9) also remains deeply depressed. The exact extent of the fall in trade will only be confirmed later this year when official trade volume data for April-June period become available.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹494.2

Target Price ₹600

DABUR INDIA

The structural and medium-term narrative on topline growth is turning highly attractive, led by strong traction in Healthcare and an attractive rural growth outlook, where ~48% of Dabur's domestic sales comes from. High near-term valuations appear justified at this initial stage, which could potentially result in ~20% EPS growth.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

EXPORTS FALL IN DOUBLE DIGITS FOR 5TH MONTH

Japan's exports continued their double-digit decline for the fifth month in a row led by lower auto shipments to the US. Total exports fell 19.2% in July from a year ago, but the decline was smaller than the 26.2% drop in June. US shipments fell 19.5% as demand for engines and automobile remained weak, a sign Japan was feeling the pinch from the slow US recovery from the pandemic's pain. July's disappointing export data dashes hopes of a trade-led recovery in Japan, which is already coursing through a deep recession. Core machinery orders, a key indicator of business spending, too fell to a 7-year-low in June hinting that the world's third-largest economy bore no signs of improvement in the current quarter.

TAIWAN

TARGET TO BECOME ASIA'S NEXT FINANCIAL HUB

The pandemic-led recession notwithstanding, Taiwan has set its sights on emerging as the Asian financial and asset management hub. This is a step to seize the opportunity as Asia's dominant financial centre Hong Kong is witnessing frequent episodes of instability under the Chinese-rule. To do so, the export-dependent country has decided to further liberalise its economy, offer more financing products and reduce its over dependence on exports, according to President Tsai Ing-wen. If the plan takes off, the island nation's traditional reliance on trade with China, its largest trading partner but also a political rival could undergo dramatic changes. According to officials, the Taiwanese government will sign bilateral trade deals, including a long-mooted one with the US, and reiterated the desire for Taiwan to join the 11-member Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, or CPTPP.

VIETNAM

CENTRAL BANK SET TO ADJUST MONETARY POLICY

The State Bank of Vietnam (SBV) confirmed it will further adjust monetary policy, including credit growth and incentives to cope with the Covid-19 pandemic. According to Governor Le Minh Hung, the virus outbreak remains unpredictable pushing the global economy into a deeper recession and leaving a huge impact on the Vietnamese economy. He urged banks to follow domestic and foreign economic developments to forecast and propose solutions than can ensure market liquidity, control inflation and further cut interest rates. The central bank's credit department will consider adjusting 2020 credit growth targets for banks. It alos allocated credit growth limit for all credit institutions at 10.1%, lower than the 13% set earlier in the year. The authorities would also consider procedures to increase charter capital for other State-owned banks, including VietinBank and Vietcombank, through the payment of dividends in shares.

PRE-COVID

Auto parts industry sees 11.7% plunge in FY20 turnover

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

OWING to a prolonged slowdown in automotive demand, India's automotive component industry saw its turnover plunging by 11.7 per cent to ₹3.49 lakh crore ($49.2 billion) during the previous financial year ended March 31, 2020 (FY20).

According to the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA), the industry expects a 25-40 per cent degrowth in revenue this fiscal year, mainly due to the Covid-19 disruption, and a 30-35 per cent degrowth in two years. "The revenues in the June quarter were at a 15 per cent level compared to the March quarter. Month-on-month, there is an improvement and we see this improving till the festive period. Nevertheless, over a two-year period, we are seeing a 30-35 per cent degrowth," Deepak Jain, President, ACMA said.

Commenting on the sector's FY20 performance, Jain said, "Subdued vehicle demand, investments made for transition from BSIV to BSVI, liquidity crunch, lack of a clarity on policy for electrification of vehicles and slow-down in key export markets, among others, had an adverse impact on the performance of the components sector in India as also on its expansion plans".

He added that the industry's performance is expected to return to pre-COVID levels by the festive season. "The auto component and vehicle industries are closely working together for 'deep-localisation' and import substitution, which will result in higher value-addition by manufacturers, making exports competitive".

'RCom liquidation if SC disallows spectrum sale'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

COUNSEL for bankrupt telecom service provider Reliance Communications (RCom) told the Supreme Court on Wednesday that if the court were to rule against any sale of RCom's spectrum licenses, then the company would head into liquidation. A bench of Justices Arun Mishra, M R Shah and S Abdul Nazeer are currently hearing arguments in the AGR liabilities case, where bankrupt telecom license-holders such as Aircel, RCom and Videocon Telecommunications owe the government over ₹58,000 crore in unpaid spectrum and license fees.

The SC has been examining whether RCom, which is currently going through the bankruptcy process and owes ₹31,000 crore in dues, should be allowed to sell its spectrum license as part of the resolution plan. The Centre's Department of Telecom (DoT) has argued that no ownership of spectrum is transferred under the agreement and the government remains the owner.

On Wednesday however, RCom counsel Harish Salve told the bench, "If spectrum sale is not allowed, RCom will find itself going into liquidation and it won't help anyone'.

However, the bench also observed during the proceedings that if the sale of spectrum is allowed under trading guidelines, how could it be sold under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

The bench noted that all resolution transactions must be as per the IBC and trading guidelines mandate that dues need to be taken care of before the sale of spectrum. RCom, according to official sources, has not been paying any dues on its spectrum rights since it went into insolvency, which had led the DoT to send it a notice in 2019 asking why it shouldn't revoke its license in the absence of payments.

The matter was adjourned for the next hearing, which is to be held on Thursday.

FOOD DELIVERY BACK TO 80% OF PRE-COVID LEVEL

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

DESPITE a slump in online food delivery orders by 80 per cent due to the pandemic, the industry is well on its path to recovery with the overall sector clocking a Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) of around 75-80 per cent of its pre-Covid levels, a survey by Zomato said. The survey also reported that online food delivery orders have crossed the 200 million mark since the lockdown began, with Zomato alone clocking 70 million orders since March 25.

Even as the sporadic lockdowns continue to disrupt operations, recovery trends are strong and are expected to hit pre-Covid levels in the next 2-3 months, Zomato said. "With companies giving employees the option to work from home, there has been a mass exodus of people from metros to other cities across India. One in every five customers in metros (pre-COVID) have opened their app from a smaller town recently," it said.

Steel industry sees V-shaped recovery after output hit record low in April

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Indian steel sector has climbed its way back into a sweet spot, having recorded a V-shaped recovery on the back of improving domestic demand and benign input costs.

India's production of finished steel, which had fallen to a record low in April, improved sequentially to 6.8 million tonnes (MT) in July as against 6.1 MT in June. On a year-on-year basis, however, production was still lower by 21.5 per cent, shows data from Joint Plant Committee (JPC), a wing under the Ministry of Steel.

The Covid-19 outbreak led to a fall in steel demand in the domestic market forcing steelmakers to turn to export markets such as China, Spain and Italy to sell their products. With a recovery in domestic demand gaining pace, however, export dependence is gradually tapering off, even as it continues to be higher than last year.

Exports stood at 1.4 MT in July—11.4 per cent lower than in June. China's share of demand, in particular, has dropped from 30 per cent in June to 24 per cent in July. As the world opens up for business, companies plan to further reduce export dependence.

DEMAND RISING

- Firms have raised prices by ₹3,000/tonne in July, August
- July steel exports were 1.4 MT—11.4% lower than June

MEDICINES

Reliance buys Netmeds, set to take on Amazon

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MUKESH Ambani's Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) will now take on Amazon in the online pharmacy space. The oil-to-telecom giant said on Thursday that it has acquired 100% of Chennai-based start-up NetMeds through its retail arm Reliance Retail Venture limited (RRVL), along with a 60 per cent majority equity stake in NetMeds' parent company Vitalic Health Limited for ₹620 crore. This translates into a valuation of over ₹1,000 crore for Netmeds.

The announcement comes at a time when the online pharma sector has received growing investments from homegrown and overseas funds both, while also witnessing a many mergers and acquisitions.

Amazon, for instance, announced last week that it has launched its e-pharmacy vertical and will be selling prescription medicines in Bengaluru. Rival Flipkart is also reportedly in talks with various stakeholders for a foray into the segment.

FOREIGN SHORES

NPCI's new subsidiary to promote UPI, RuPay overseas

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has formed a subsidiary in a bid to take its business beyond Indian shores. NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) will facilitate and co-create payment technologies with other countries, and help popularise Indian payments technologies such as UPI and RuPay abroad.

"NIPL is tasked with the responsibility of exporting NPCI's indigenously developed offerings and technological acumen to foreign markets. The primary focus of NIPL would be internationalisation of RuPay and UPI, along with a few more offerings of NPCI," the payments major said.

The move comes just a day after the Reserve Bank of India released guidelines for the creation of an alternative retail payment system, allowing eligible companies to bid to form the new umbrella entity by February next year. Officials said that the central bank wants to reduce the risk of having a single operator—NPCI currently—handling such a vast area of finance. RBI is also worried that NPCI, which processes nearly half of all the digital payments in the country, may become a monopoly and turn into a too-big-to-fail entity in the ever-growing payments space. Several nations have displayed an interest in establishing a 'real-time payment system' or 'domestic card scheme' inspired by NPCI's innovations, officials said.

"It is a matter of pride for NPCI that several regions such as Asia, Africa and the Middle East have displayed interest towards replicating our model in their own nations," said Dilip Asbe, CEO, NPCI. The growth and evolution of NIPL will result in a huge acceptance network for RuPay and UPI, which, in turn, will empower Indian travellers," it said.

Shubman to be given important role: Baz

Kolkata Knight Riders head coach Brendon McCullum wants to give some "leadership" role "in some capacity" to talented youngster Shubman Gill whose batting lower down the order copped much criticism last season.

Bad days for goods market

Cricket equipment manufacturers report slight rise in sales after lockdown, hope for resumption of domestic action

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

THE Covid-19 pandemic has plunged the world into an unprecedented crisis. Industries across the spectrum and cricket equipment manufacturers are no different. While most of them witnessed almost zero sales in the first couple of months into the lockdown, things have slowly started picking.

The BCCI's announcement to shift IPL to the UAE might have brought back excitement among cricketers and fans, but only resumption of proper cricket across India can help manufacturers get back on track. They are looking forward to the BCCI's domestic calendar, even if it is a truncated one.

"In India, sales of cricket equipment, from the organised and unorganised sectors, stand somewhere around ₹1,000 crore annually. It was almost zero in April and May. Now it's around 20-30 per cent of the usual sales, which is around ₹24 crore," Paras Anand, marketing and sales director of Sanspareils Greenlands (SG), told this daily.

SG is the official ball supplier of BCCI. The board ordered 72 pink balls from them when India played their first day-night Test against Bangladesh last year. Anand, though, said he cannot divulge details of the number of balls supplied to BCCI annually, but informed that they have not supplied balls since March.

The official website of the board, bcci.tv, however, sheds some light on the demand and supply cycle. As per the website, the BCCI made payments to SG eight times since January 2019, with the highest amount being ₹75.80 lakh in February this year and the lowest being ₹34.57 lakh in March last year. The last payment to the tune of ₹35.36 lakh was made in June.

Anand believes the figures can jump somewhere between 50-60 per cent if cricketing activities resume in the country.

Sareen Sports (SS) Industries, which primarily manufacture bats and balls apart from other cricket equipment, has also witnessed a huge fall in sales. Jatin Sareen, managing director of SS, said team sports especially cricket has suffered the most. "Since the lockdown was lifted, figures are between 10-15 per cent of normal sales. Shops were closed for months. Even now, lockdown is imposed on weekends in some states."

The company exports equipment to Australia, UK, USA, South Africa, Canada, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. It also manufactures products for international companies. Sareen, however, informed that SS has stopped exporting goods for now.

FINALLY THERE

PSG advanced to their first ever Champions League final thanks to a commanding 3-0 win over RB Leipzig in the first semifinal on Tuesday. Here's a look at the talking points...

ALL ACTION FRONT THREE

It's taken some time but the Parisiens' front three, led by Neymar, brought their 'A' game. The pace of Kylian Mbappe, the trickery of Neymar and the finesse of Angel Di Maria proved too much to handle. The first two combined for the Argentine to score the team's second goal.

STURDY DEFENCE

In seasons past, PSG's problems revolved around conceding a number of goals in the knockout stages. In four seasons from 2015-16 to 18-19, they let in 19 knockout goals across 10 games. This year they have let in three in four. The midfield is more in sync with the back four to compensate for the lack of defensive work by the front three.

Incredible, that's why we're here, to play in the final and win. We showed our quality, our hunger, determination. A good mix which showed we deserved the win. The team showed once again the hunger two win, to play together, to suffer. They made the most of it.

Thomas Tuchel, PSG coach

LEIPZIG FLATTER TO DECEIVE

Against Atletico, their press and energy combined to thwart Diego Simeone's outfit. But Thomas Tuchel's PSG play a more proactive brand of football and the defenders' high line was frequently breached. That PSG did not even necessarily get out of second gear in the second half reflected their dominance.

2004

Last time a French club featured in CL final (Porto vs Monaco).

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This is PSG's first Champion League final.

RESULT: RB LEIPZIG 0 PSG 3 (MARQUINHOS 13, DI MARIA 42, BERNAT 56)

EXPRESS READ

Nagal in quarters of Prague Open

PRAGUE: India's Sumit Nagal advanced to quarterfinals of the Prague Open with a win over Kiri Lehecka. The World No 127 prevailed 5-7, 7-6(4), 6-3 in two hours and 21-minute second round contest. He could next face Stan Wawrinka.

Koeman appointed Barcelona coach

MADRID: Barcelona, on Wednesday, officially named Ronald Koeman as their new coach. He will replace Quique Setien, who was sacked after Barcelona were thrashed 8-2 by Bayern Munich in the Champions League quarterfinal.

Former cricketer Kasturirangan passes away

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

GOPALASWAMY Iyenger Kasturirangan, a former pace bowler who represented Mysore in first-class cricket, passed away in Bengaluru on Wednesday. He was 89 and suffered a heart attack. He served the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) as vice-president and became well known as a pitch curator.

"We lost a great man, will be missed," said former wicketkeeper KR Rajagopal, who played with Kasturirangan for the state side and at the club level too. Kasturirangan made his debut in 1948 against Maharashtra. He used to trouble batsmen with pace and accuracy.

"He was extraordinary. Unfortunately, there was no method to measure pace, but he was very quick. Also, I have never ever seen a more accurate bowler. Some of the batsmen were scared to face him at the nets," Rajagopal told this daily.

However, when a chance came to represent India on the 1952 tour of the West Indies, he pulled out for personal reasons. The lanky bowler, who never played for India, scalped 94 wickets in 36 matches. After his career ended in 1962-63, he went on to become a pitch curator.

Looking after the surface at M Chinnaswamy Stadium for over two decades, he was also the South Zone representative in the BCCI's pitches and grounds committee. "He always produced good, sporting wickets. There was something for everyone, be it spinners, batsmen or bowlers. He was one of the best curators," said former Karnataka and India pacer Dodda Ganesh.

The KSCA also condoled his death. "The KSCA condoles his death... He was a fatherly figure for Karnataka cricket," said official spokesperson Vinay Mruthyunjaya. Players also remember him as a humble human being.

Full report: newindianexpress.com

BFC unhappy with DYES proposal on revenue share

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) in Karnataka seems to be keen on collecting extra revenue from those using its facilities. The Sree Kanteerava Stadium, which hosts many sporting events, including Bengaluru FC home matches in the Indian Super League is also owned by DYES. Even the indoor facility in the stadium has been used to host Premier Badminton League.

As per a proposed policy for stadium use, DYES is looking for 25 per cent share from ticket sales. Also, tickets have to be sold online. Even for marathon races, organisers will have to pay DYES 25 per cent of the money collected from donors.

"The proposed policy for use of Sree Kanteerava Stadium is far from sport-friendly. It doesn't encourage anyone to host an event there, more so with the financial implications the policy brings with it. No sport, spare cricket, is making a profit in the country and this policy ends up eating into the little money we make to cover our losses," said Bengaluru FC CEO Mandar Tamhane in a statement.

Such policy could discourage organisers of other sports. However, Bengaluru FC may not be affected this season, with the 2020-21 ISL season set to be played in Goa.

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (E-TENDERING PROCESS)

Sl. No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total
1	CE/MTS	002	1
2	CE/Hydro	(HE 2388 Due Date Extension)	1
3	CE/MTPS-II	(06 Due Date Extension)	1
	TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD.		
4	SE/Transmission-II	T-2163	1

For details of works/Procurement/Due date of submission/opening Corrigendum, Due date extension, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: www.tangedco.gov.in www.tantransco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app,

DIPR/3091/TENDER/2020

GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

'e' - PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. 03/SE-II(H)/GHMC/2020-21 Date: 17.08.2020

Name of the works: Construction of STPs, Total 10 Works. Estimated Amount: **Rs.1712.82 Lakhs.** Start Date & Time: **20.08.2020 @ 04.00 PM.** Last date & time for receipt of bids: **03.09.2020 @ 03.30 PM.** Address & Oficer Cell No.: Superintending Engineer-II (Houseing), GHMC, 9000911843. Further details can be seen at e-procurement @ www.tender.telangana.gov.in

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer-II (Housing), GHMC**

DIPR RO No. 4080-PP/CL/Advt/1/2020-21, Dt: 18/08/2020

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Exective Engineer-2&3, Lakes, Division Room No 309, 3rd Floor, New Building, N.R Square, Bengaluru-560 002.

No: EE-2&3(Lakes)/PR/85/2020-21 Dated: 19.08.2020

CANCELLATION OF TENDER

Tender invited from this Office Vide No: EE-2&3(Lakes)/TN-05/2020-21 Dated: 14.08.2020 for the work Development of Balance Works at Kempabudhi Lake Stands Cancelled due to Technical Reason.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer-2&3, Lakes Division

Pay Development Charges - Help to Develop Bengaluru

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

No. 506/BGM/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/C/EE(O)/AEE-1/20-21/F-2559-63 Date: 14.08.2020

KPTCL invites sealed tenders in duplicate from Manufacturer/ Experience/Authorized service Agency for the following work. **Sl. No.1.** Name of the work: **Work award to Carryout the Overhauling of Siemens make 10MVA, 110KV SF6 Circuit Breaker at 110KV Sub-station Hukkeru in TL&SS, Division, KPTCL, Chikodi.**

Particulars: Make: **Siemens make,** Voltage: **145KV, Control,** Voltage: **110KV DC, Rated pressure of SF6 at +20C(guage)6.0 barrel.** Quantity: **1 No.**

Details of works to be carried out : 1). Replacement of Pole 'O' rings (RYB poles) - **1No. 2).** Gas guage pipe - **1No. 3).** Gas density monitor - **1No.**

Terms and Conditions : 1) Last date for receipt of completed bids: **04.09.2020 upto 1.30 PM. 2)** Date and time of opening the bids: **04.09.2020 at 4.00 PM. 3)** The Tenderer should quote their rates in the firm's letter pad and station-wise only. **4)** The rates should be quoted in words and figures separately. Duly indicating all taxes and duties. **5)** Service rates should be include Crane charges, DG Set charges and Transportation of limbs. **6)** The GSTIN & PAN number to be quoted in invariably with photo copy of certificates. **7)** The telephonic/telegraphic fax quotation will not be accepted. **8)** The tenderer should have experience/ Authorized of having carried out such works. The tenderer should enclose photo copy of electrical license. **9)** EMD of **1%** has to be paid by Demand Draft along with **workwise separately quotations** in the name of the undersigned. **10)** The period of completion will be **45 days** from the date of work awarded. The work should be commenced within **7 days** and completed in one month failing which it will be presumed that you are not interested. Action will be taken for award work to alternate agency at the risk and cost of awarded agency. **11)** The successful awardee should offer guarantee for a minimum period of one year work and spare utilized. **12)** Details can be had from the office of the undersigned & the undersigned reserves rights to accept or reject tender without assigning any reason.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.,),
Transmission(Works & Maintenance) Circle,
KPTCL, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi- 590 010.
Ph.: **0831-2437101, 0831-2437099.** Fax: **0831-2437101.**

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office, MESCOM Bhavana, Kavoor Cross Road, Bejai, Mangaluru - 575004. Ph: 0824-2885795 E-mail : sepmescom@rediffmail.com
CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No. MESCOM/SEE(P)/EEE(P)/2020-21 / 5987 Date: 17.08.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

MESCOM invites tender for Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supply and Commissioning of the following material:

Tender No.	Name of the Materials proposed for Procurement	Quantity
MESCOM/ 2020-21/ IND700	Distribution Transformer Test Bench, suitable for testing of 1 phase and 3 phase, 50 Hz, 11kV/433 volts Distribution Transformers from 5 KVA to 500 KVA.	1 Set

The interested eligible bidders may log on to : **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **21.08.2020.**

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele.) (Proc.) MESCOM, Mangaluru**

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Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mysore

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The Chief Engineer, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mysore invites on behalf of the President of India, online tenders in two parts from experienced Contractors with sound financial & technical capacity for the following work(s):

Tender Reference No.	BARC/MYS/PROJ/SS PIPING/01/2020, dated: 13.08.2020
Name of work	Fabrication of Stainless Steel piping & related MS structural support including erection & testing works in DF-1 & DF-2, at BARC site, Mysore.
Estimated Cost	Rs. 90,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Lakh only)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 1,80,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and eighty thousand only)
Period of Completion	Eighteen (18) Months
Tender Sale Period	20.08.2020 (11:00 Hrs.) to 05.09.2020 (15:00 Hrs)

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from web site **www.tenderwizard.com/dae** and **www.barc.gov.in**

SD/-
Chief Engineer
For & on behalf of President of India

ANDHRA PRADESH INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Andhra Pradesh Undertaking)
O/o. Chief Engineer, APIIC Tower, 9, 10 & 11th Floors, CFC-1, IT Park, Autonagar, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh - 522 503.

NCB No. VCICDP-T2/APIIC/NCB-AMTZ/2020-21/01 Date : 18-08-2020

INVITATION OF BID FOR PROCUREMENT OF CIVIL WORKS UNDER VCIC

1. The Government of Andhra Pradesh through the Government of India (herein after called " Borrower") has received financing from Asian Development Bank (ADB)towards the cost of Visakhapatnam Chennai Industrial Corridor Project Tranche 2. Part of this financing will be used for payments for the following Civil Works Contract Package of the project.
2. The details of these CivilWorks package are as given below: -

Civil Work Pkg. No.	Name of Works	Completion Period (in months):
1	Development of Internal Infrastructure for Ph-II of Andhra Pradesh Med-Tech Zone (AMTZ) with the Assistance of ADB under Tranche-2 of VCICDP at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India-(VCICDP-T2-AMTZ/01)	18

The Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation, Mangalagiri, Guntur District (Employer), invites sealed bids for Development of internal infrastructure for Ph-II of Andhra Pradesh Med-Tech Zone (AMTZ) with the Assistance of ADB under Tranche-2 of VCICDP at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India. Environmental and Social management aspects also form a component of the project.

3. National Competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: Two-Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as described in the Bidding Document.
4. To obtain further information on the Key Qualifications and inspect and acquire the Bidding Document, Bidders can download the bid document from **www.apiic.in**
5. A complete set of bidding documents in English can be downloaded from **www.apiic.in** The cost of the bidding document **Rs. 29,500/- (25,000+GST)** should be enclosed along with bid submission(technical proposal) in the form of demand draft in favor of **"APIIC Ltd., Mangalagiri"** which is non refundable.
6. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document
7. Interested Bidders may inspect the Bidding Documents and obtain further information from the Office of the Chief Engineer as per the contact details provided.
8. A pre-bid meeting will be held on **07-09-2020 at 11.30 A.M** to clarify the issues on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in ITB 7.4 of **'Instructions to Bidders'** of the bidding document.
9. Bids must be delivered in sealed envelopes to the address indicated below on or before **4.00 pm on 30-09-2020**. Late bids will be rejected.

Chief Engineer, APIIC Limited APIIC Tower, 9,10 & 11th Floors, CFC-1, IT Park, Autonagar, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522503, Phone No: 95050 15007, Email : ce.apiic@nic.in & t.visweswararao@gov.in (84998 76661).

Sd/- Chief Engineer,
Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(BALLARI THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.KPCL/2020-21/PS/WORK_INDENT10206/Call-2 Date:18.08.2020

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-portal only)

Bids are invited in e-Procurement portal from the reputed contractors, having adequate experience and financial turnover for the work of **"Erection and commissioning of 300NB pipeline from Unit #3 Forebay make up pipeline end up to Unit #3 Side Stream Filtration (SSF) inlet by providing pedestals to the pipe lines at BTPS".** EMD: **Rs. 9000/-** Period of contract: **180 days.** Last date and time for submission of tender through e-portal is **26.08.2020 at 16.30 hrs.** Details of tender documents may be downloaded from the GoK e-Procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from office of the **Executive Engineer (CAM-2), BTPS, Kudithini-583 152. Ballari. Cell No.9448290758.**

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Branch Office, No.37, I Floor, Opp: DC Office, Hospet Road, KOPPAL– 583 231. Phone : (08539) 225004, 225005.

POSSESSION NOTICE (Appendix IV) Rule 8(1)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Karnataka State Financial Corporation under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **21-01-2020** calling upon the borrower- **Sri Venkatesh Hanumanthappa Hosmani** and guarantors **Smt. Padmavati** W/o. Venkatesh Hosmani and **Sri Nagaraj Kundari** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 97,68,311.58** (Rupees Ninety Seven Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eleven & Fifty Eight paisa only) as on 10-01-2020 within sixty days from the date of the said notice. The above demand notice was duly served to Sri Venkatesh Hanumanthappa Hosmani, Smt. Padmavati W/o Venkatesh Hosmani and Sri. Nagaraj Kundari.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, the mortgagor of the following property (owner) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below symbolically in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rules on this **17th day of August of the year 2020.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Karnataka State Financial Corporation for an amount of **Rs.97,68,311.58/-** (as on 10-01-2020) and further interest thereon and other costs etc.

Description of the immovable property: N.A. land bearing Sy No. 84/A2(old) and Sy. No. 109/1(New) situated at Tanakanakal Village. Kushtagi Road, Koppal Tq & Koppal Dist. measuring 2 acres standing in the name of Sri Venkatesh Hanumanthappa Hosmani and bounded by : **East** : Sy. No. 109/2, **West** : Sy. No. 81/2, **North** : Road, **South** : Sy. No. 80.

Place : Koppal **Sd/-**
Date : 17-08-2020 **Authorised Officer**

TIRUNELVELI SMART CITY LIMITED

Opposite to Exhibition Ground, Swamy Nellaiappar High Road, Tirunelveli - 627 001, Tamil Nadu.

CORRIGENDUM

Tender Notice No	Name of Work
2/2020-21/ Smart City/ SCM	Development of Kids Play Zone and Stadium near Bharathiyar School in Tirunelveli Corporation
	Implementation and Enhancement of SCADA System for Tirunelveli Zone - Phase -I
	Implementation and Enhancement of SCADA System for Palayamkottai Zone – Phase -II

It is informed that due to administrative reason, the last date of receiving of tender fixed on **26.08.2020** upto **15.00 hours** and opening of tender fixed on **27.08.2020** at **15.30 hours** is postponed to receiving of tender on **28.09.2020** upto **15.00 hours** and opening of tender on **29.09.2020** at **15.30 hours.**

Managing Director, Tirunelveli Smart City Limited,Tirunelveli Corporation Office,S.N.High Road, Tirunelveli – 627 001.
Email ID: commr.tirunelveli@tn.gov.in Office : 0462 - 2329328 Fax : 0462 - 2329327

DIPR/3134/TENDER/2020 **Managing Director, Tirunelveli Smart City Limited.**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TRICHY (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.26/2020-21/HDO/Dated:19.08.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender through online only** will be received **up to 07.09.2020, 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M Trichy Circle, TVS Tollgate, Pudukkottai Road, Trichy-20 for the works of **Package No.18, 26, 31, 34, 39, 45, 47, 50, 54, 61, 73, 74, 111 and Reconstruction of Bridge at Km.4/6 of Kilvelur - Katchanam road** pertaining **Trichy, Nagapattinam, Pudukottai and Tiruvarur (H) C&M Division.**

Details of Works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **21.08.2020** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

DIPR/3127/TENDER/2020 **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) C&M CIRCLE, TRICHY-20**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TIRUNELVELI (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.09/2020-21/HDO/ dated:19.08.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender through online only** will be received upto **21.09.2020 at 14.00 hours** by the **Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tirunelveli Circle** for **CRIDP 2020-21 Works, Package No.27 and 47, 50 pertaining Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli (H) C&M, Divisions package No.51, 53 and 57 of Nagercoil (H) C&M Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available **from 24.08.2020** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

DIPR/3128/TENDER/2020 **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER(H), C&M, TIRUNELVELI CIRCLE**

Dubai again has loosened laws governing alcohol sales and possession of liquor as the sheikhdom tries to claw its way out of an economic depression worsened by the coronavirus pandemic. The outbreak of the virus exacerbated the already-gathering economic storm engulfing the emirate, which has seen mass layoffs thin the ranks of its foreign workforce and empty homes even amid slight signs of recovery.

RECESSIONS BLOOM ACROSS THE WORLD

Outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic and the containment measures needed have shoved the global economy off the cliff in the first half of this year. Many economies, including most of the world's largest economic engines such as the United States, United Kingdom and Japan, have officially recorded recessions. Here, we take a look at how the world's biggest economies, and a few of India's neighbours, fared in the first half of 2020.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

WHAT IS A RECESSION?

At its simplest, a recession is a period during which a country's economic output (usually measured by GDP) shrinks. General global convention, though a few institutions may have more nuanced conditions, define a recession as two consecutive quarters of declining GDP. While the first two months of the year were not as impacted by the pandemic, March, April and May saw a precipitous drop in economic activity, before June began a slow, but definite shift toward recovery.

GERMANY
IN RECESSION

The pandemic's impact has been no less destructive for Germany, the powerhouse of the European region. In April-June, the country saw the steepest plunge in GDP since since statistics department began collecting quarterly growth data in 1970. The country's statistics department noted that after adjusting for inflation, seasonal and calendar effects, the plunge had erased almost a decade of growth.

GDP

Q4FY20	Q1FY21
-2.3%	-11.7%

UNITED KINGDOM
IN RECESSION

The country has been one of the worst impacted, with its GDP shrinking at the fastest rates since its statistics office began keeping record. The outlook does not look promising and recovery is expected to be slow and long, say experts.

GDP

Q4FY20	Q1FY21
-2.2%	-20.8%

RUSSIA
NOT IN RECESSION

The eastern European oil exporter is among the few countries that have seen a lesser than expected impact on its economy, with GDP rates coming in slightly better during Q1FY21 than estimated by analysts.

GDP

Q4FY20	Q1FY21
1.6%	-8.5%

CHINA
NOT IN RECESSION

China, the epicentre of the outbreak and the first impacted, had seen a sharp plunge GDP growth during the January-March quarter (Q4FY20), but has since seen the infection spread largely contained and has disclosed a GDP growth in Q1FY21.

GDP

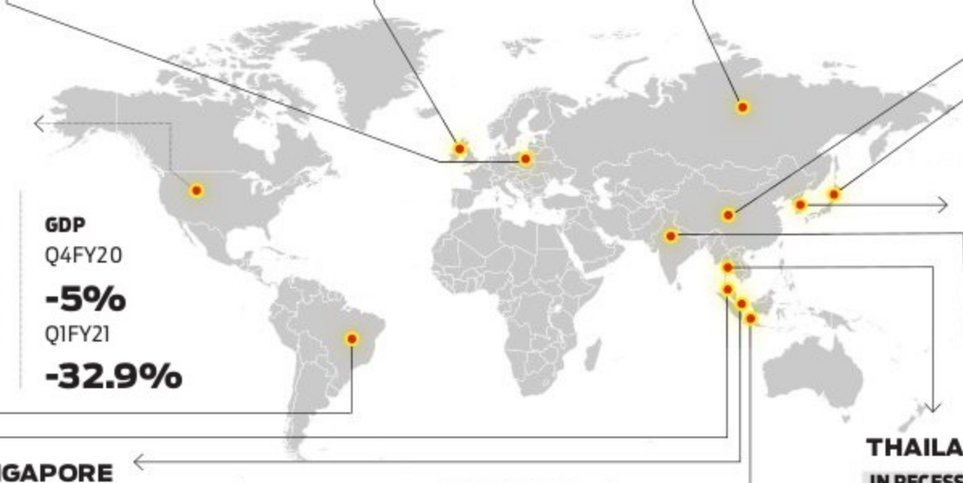
Q4FY20	Q1FY21
-6.8%	3.2%

JAPAN
IN RECESSION

Japan has actually seen three straight quarters of shrinking GDP up to the quarter ended June 2020. The pandemic has only widened already existing economic cracks and sent the country into its worst recession since the World War II.

GDP

Q4FY20	Q1FY21
-2.2%	-27.8%



UNITED STATES
IN RECESSION

For the US, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) calls the shots on when to classify a particular period as a recession. On June 8 this year, the NBER officially announced that the US had entered a recessionary period.

GDP

Q4FY20	Q1FY21
-5%	-32.9%

SOUTH KOREA
IN RECESSION

Among the earliest to be affected by the pandemic, South Korea has been pushed into the first recession in over two decades in April-June. As in rest of the world, the pandemic has battered exports and social distancing norms have hit production. The OECD believes Korea will take the smallest hit after it was able to limit the spread without imposing severe lockdowns.

GDP

Q4FY20	Q1FY21
-1.3%	-3.3%

BRAZIL
IN RECESSION (As per estimates)

Brazil, India's BRICS counterpart, is already likely in a technical recession, according to the Brazilian Economy Ministry's Secretariat of Economic Policy. While the plunge in the second quarter estimated is yet to be officially confirmed, SEP said that the decline will cause Latin America's largest economy to enter into a technical recession.

GDP

Q4FY20	Q1FY21 (estimate)
-1.5%	-8-10%

MALAYSIA
NOT IN RECESSION

The country has seen trade and industry both decimated by national lockdowns beginning March 18 and its central bank is projecting a full-year contraction of 3.5% to 5.5% before a rebound to 5.5%-8.0% growth next year. It is not yet officially in recession, analysts believe much will depend on trajectory of the recovery.

GDP

Q4FY20	Q1FY21 (estimate)
0.7%	-17.1%

SINGAPORE
IN RECESSION

Singapore's trade dependent economy has been affected severely, as the financial hub saw immense disruption due to the pandemic and global trade has crashed. The plunge has resulted in the country's worst recession since the Asian Financial Crisis.

GDP

Q4FY20	Q1FY21
-2.2%	-12.6%

INDONESIA
NOT IN RECESSION

The archipelago nation has recorded its first ever economic contraction in 20 years in Q1FY21, putting it at serious risk of a recession. This was the first such decline in GDP since the first quarter of 1999 when the country was in the midst of the Asian Financial Crisis, OECD data shows.

GDP

Q4FY20	Q1FY21 (estimate)
2.97%	-5.32%

THAILAND
IN RECESSION

Heavily dependent on tourism, Thailand saw its economy fall at the fastest pace in 22 year during the quarter ended June. The country's Office of the National Economic and Social Development Council said it forecasts a yearly contraction of 7.3%-7.8% in 2020.

GDP

Q4FY20	Q1FY21
-1.8%	-12.2%

INDIA
NOT IN RECESSION

The third largest Asian economy has had a few years of subdued growth running up to the pandemic, but the first half of 2020 has made the previous years look mild by comparison. However, the country is among the few including China that is expected to avoid a recession.

GDP

Q4FY20	Q1FY21 (estimate)
3.1%	-16.5%*

*Q1FY21: OFFICIAL NUMBERS NOT RELEASED (SBI FORECAST)

TEXT: JONATHAN ANANDA

FACT OF THE MATTER

Heathrow unveils new test plan to reduce quarantine time

COVER DRIVE

The UK's Heathrow Airport, one of the world's busiest hub airports, on Wednesday unveiled a new coronavirus testing facility which it hopes will help cut down the compulsory 14-day quarantine period currently required for travellers into the UK from most countries.Under the new plans, passengers arriving into Heathrow in south-west London will be able to book coronavirus swab tests and have results sent to them within seven hours. Travellers can do a second test at home a few days later and then leave quarantine early if they pass both checks. We are working with Heathrow and other airports on this project,' UK Health Secretary Matt Hancock told 'Sky News'. 'The challenge is ' because the virus can incubate inside your body without coming forward and without therefore a test being positive even if you've got it ' the challenge is how to do that testing in a way that we can have confidence enough to release the quarantine,' he said. "It is absolutely a project that we are working with Heathrow on. I clearly understand the impact of quarantine on so many people's lives. It is not something anybody would want to do," he added.

Scientists on Arctic mission make unplanned detour to pole

LAST MINUTE

A German icebreaker carrying scientists on a year-long international expedition in the high Arctic has reached the North Pole, after making an unplanned detour because of lighter-than-usual sea ice conditions.Expedition leader Markus Rex said Wednesday the RV Polarstern was able to reach the geographic North Pole because of large openings in sea ice that would normally make shipping in the region above Greenland too difficult. "We made fast progress in a few days,' Rex told *The Associated Press*."It's breathtaking ' at time we had open water as far as the eye could see.' The region above northern Greenland is usually covered in thick sea ice that's sometimes built up over several years, he said. But this year, the Polarstern was able to make it from the ice edge in the Fram Strait to the pole in less than a week. The mission sailed from the German port of Bremerhaven last September, anchored to an ice floe and conducted numerous experiments to study the impact of global warming on the Arctic until the summer heat broke apart the ice cover. lion in tax breaks from the county and a local school district over the next decade. The company has pledged to invest $1.1 billion and said it will pay a minimum wage of $15 per hour to employees and provide health insurance, paid leave.

TEST BY FIRE

A home burns in Vacaville, California during the LNU Lightning Complex fire on Wednesday. As of the late hours of Tuesday the Hennessey fire has merged with at least 7 fires and is now called the LNU Lightning Complex fires | AFP

No contraceptives, abortions for millions

COVID TIME

NEW DELHI: Millions of women and girls globally have lost access to contraceptives and abortion services because of the coronavirus pandemic. Now the first widespread measure of the toll says India with its abrupt, months-long lockdown has been hit especially hard. Several months into the pandemic, many women now have second-trimester pregnancies because they could not find care in time.

Across 37 countries, nearly 2 million fewer women received services between January and June than in the same period last year, Marie Stopes International says in a new report — 1.3 million in India alone. The organization expects 900,000 unintended pregnancies worldwide as a result, along with 1.5 million unsafe abortions and more than 3,000 maternal deaths.

Those numbers "will likely be greatly amplified" if services falter elsewhere in Latin America, Africa and Asia, Marie Stopes' director of global evidence, Kathryn Church, has said. The World Health Organization this month said two-thirds of 103 countries surveyed between mid-May and early July reported disruptions to family planning and contraception services. The U.N. Population Fund warns of up to 7 million unintended pregnancies. Lockdowns, travel restrictions, supply chain disruptions, the massive shift of health resources to combat COVID-19 and fear of infection continue to prevent many women and girls from care.

A surge in teen pregnancies was reported in Kenya, while some young women in Nairobi's Kibera slum resorted to using broken glass, sticks and pens to try to abort pregnancies, said Diana Kihima with the Women Promotion Center.

In Mumbai, one woman was unable to find a pregnancy testing kit after the lockdown started in March, and then couldn't find transport to reach care in time, said Dr. Shewetangi Shinde, who attended to her in a hospital. By then abortion wasn't an option since the pregnancy was advanced. India listed abortions as essential services under lockdown but many weren't aware, said Shinde of India Safe Abortion Youth Advocates.

Flushing public urinals can spew virus

UNEXPECTED VICE

BEIJING: Flushing urinals can release clouds of virus-carrying aerosols, according to a study which says wearing masks when in public washrooms amidst the pandemic "should be mandatorily implemented." The research, published in the journal Physics of Fluids, simulated and tracked virus-laden particle movements when urinals are flushed.

Since earlier studies have shown that both feces — and urine-based COVID-19 transmission is possible, the scientists, including those from Yangzhou University, cautioned that public restrooms can be dangerous places for potentially becoming infected during the ongoing pandemic.

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Happy birthday

Infosys founder NR Narayana Murthy was born on this day in 1946. He is the former chairman of the board and chief mentor of Infosys Limited

EDUCATION

He holds a BE from the University of Mysore and an MTech from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur. He founded Infosys in 1981 along with six other software professionals

STARTING INFOSYS

He did not have any seed money to start the compnay. He used his wife Sudha Murty's savings of ₹10,000 to start the tech giant. He served as the CEO for 20 years

RECOGNITION

He has received several awards, honours and medals. *TIME* magazine's Global Tech Influentials list (2004) named him as one of the leaders shaping the future of technology

Neetha Ashok gets her first big break in Phantom

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MODAKS AND MORE(YA)

Festive spirit has enveloped Bengaluru with residents gearing up to welcome Gowri-Ganesha with chocolate-flavoured sweets and idols, live-streamed pujas and artworks that unveil tales associated with the gods

● **Vidya Iyengar**

If clay and mud Ganesha idols are seeing a dip in sales, then the go-to option seems to be Ganesha-shaped chocolates and flavoured modaks. While chocolate Ganeshas have stirred up a debate with many uncomfortable at the thought of "consuming a piece of a deity", others simply prefer opting for the less controversial modak, which many chocolatiers are offering with a twist.

For the first time last year, **Priya Jain,** founder of Mishikrafts, gave chocolate Ganeshas a try. Being a last-minute idea then, she decided to start much in advance this year. "I've been getting orders from Hyderabad and Mumbai too. I make about two at a time, so advance booking is preferable. While the base preparation is similar to regular chocolates, the temperature for this has to be just right to ensure it does not crack or break in the mould," she says. Jain's chocolates weight between 160 gm, priced at ₹175, and 400 gm, priced at ₹400.

Jain did get some flak, especially from NRIs in the United States who were offended by the concept. For those, Jain has a suggestion: Dissolve the chocolate in warm milk or donate it to others. "I know that breaking the chocolate into pieces and consuming it might not go down well," says Jain. Agrees Niranjana Prashanth, the founder of Chocology, who recommends distributing the chocolate milk as prasada. "That can be a part of the ritual," she says.

Once the puja is done, people can dissolve the chocolate in warm milk and distribute it as prasada among everyone

Prashanth prepares a one-size chocolate Ganesha, which is priced at ₹600 for 400 gm. "Chocolate greeting cards and save-the-date and wedding invites are usually made. This too is an occasion," says Prashanth, who works out of her home workshop in Basvangudi.

Others like Rekha Raghunand, founder of Relicious, a handcrafted chocolate brand, prefer to steer clear by focussing on chocolate modaks and fruit platters instead. These are commonly distributed during the Ganesha festival. "This year I'm experimenting with a rasmalai filling, in addition to the regulars of motichoor and caramel," says Raghunand, who is preparing 650 boxes as this time's order. "A lot of people give *ele adike* (loosely translates to a return gift) for which I make a fruit platter in chocolate flavour," says Raghunand.

Uma Raju and Nivedita Prasad, who run Chocolate Philosophy, believe that new-age flavours combined with traditional concepts give the festival a twist. "People are always looking to gift something different. And unusual gifts can really put a smile on someone's face. We are preparing chocolate-covered modaks with a coconut filling. This, in a way, also sticks to tradition," Prasad says.

Drawn towards tradition & myths

● **Monika Monalisa**

Indian mythology has always been mysterious and intriguing for many, including Vivek Ram. But in order to tell these stories in his style and skill, the city-based animation artist, who has been a part of Hollywood projects like *Golden Compass* and *Penguins of Madagascar*, started mythological comics on his Instagram page that explore Indian myths in 10 slides. With the city gearing up for Ganesh Chaturthi, there are no points for guessing what his next comic is going to be on.

Vivek Ram

Originally hailing from Pune, Ram says the festival has always been close to his heart. "I have lived in Pune and Mumbai, where the celebrations of this festival is a sight to behold. But for the last few years, I have been creating artworks or animations on Ganesha," says Ram, who is planning to share two comic strips for the celebration. The 39-year-old says the stories on Ganesha are always best for comics formats. "Ganesha stories are always about a problem and its solutions. It's short and sweet," laughs Ram, revealing that this year he is going to avoid the story on how Ganesha got his head, which has been "done to death". Ram's comics carry a monochrome tone in order to maintain the feel of the era the stories took place in. Previously, he has covered the stories of Ghatotkacha's birth and Khandava forest.

Ram is the founder, or as he likes to call himself – the senapati – of Vaanarsena Studios. The Indian mythological comic series took off during the lockdown. "Our mythological stories are vast and layered with wisdom or knowledge at its core. In the comic format, I try to take out the extra layers and keep just the facts," says Ram, whose comic strips are released every Wednesday. The artist has been surprised by the number of people the series has reached or by how many have volunteered to contribute to the strips. "Sometimes we have workshops for the volunteers and now they are taking over the whole idea," adds Ram.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Answers

The correct answers are

1. Austin Town
2. Mysore Spinning and Weaving Mills (Raja Mills)
3. Chamarajendra Wodeyar X

Here are the first three respondents

1) Prarthana Vikram
2) Preksha Bala Bhatt
3) Mahesh

Mention Bengaluru, and the first images that come to mind are its heritage buildings, IT parks and weather, not to mention the pub culture. But how familiar are you with the city's history? Take part in our weekly quiz series, curated by city-based history researcher Arun Prasad, to learn more about namma Ooru. It will be published every Wednesday. Send answers to bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of the first three respondents will be featured in CE on Thursday.

A virtual celebration

The coronavirus pandemic may have changed the way festivities are celebrated but you don't have to miss out on the mandatory puja the occasion calls for. The 58th edition of Bengaluru Ganesh Utsava, organised by Shree Vidyaranya Yuvaka Sangha, will go virtual this year, going live on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Instagram, from August 22 to September 1. As part of this, the Ganesha puja at Ganesh Mantapa at Sri Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple, Basavanagudi will be streamed live on social media.

The 10-day programme will also have cultural performances that will go virtual as well. These will include a folk rock musical concert by Raghu Dixit Project, live concert by Vijay Prakash and a 12-hour non-stop Sugama Sangeetha, where singers from across Karnataka will be led by Praveen D Rao. Managing trustee of BGU, Nandish SM, says, "The decision to take the festival virtual was to keep the festival spirit alive and also to provide a platform for all artistes to perform and bring in a celebration of positivity amidst these challenging times."

Praveen D Rao

COVID CARE

RISK LEVEL OF ACTIVITIES

HIGH RISK
- Going to a salon and spa
- Attending a gathering with many people
- Working out at a gym, because even sanitised equipment could carry traces of sweat
- Working in an office where social distancing is not practised
- Hugging or kissing someone
- Taking public transport like buses or cabs
- Visiting seniors as they are most vulnerable.
- Sitting in the waiting area of a hospital
- Taking a flight

MODERATE RISK
- Going for a walk or run. Remember that while you should keep your mask on you at all times, exercising with it on is not advisable.
- Grocery shopping
- Staying at a hotel
- Going to a library or museum
- Shopping at a mall

LOW RISK
- Takeaway food from a restaurant minimises the number of people you would come across while dining in a confined space
- Going to a drive-in restaurant or movie
- Going to a petrol pump
- Playing a low-contact outdoor sport like tennis

GRAPHIC: AMOL VYAVHARE

'There are reasons to be anxious, but there's hope as well'

● **Express Features**

Historian and author Rutger Bregman made waves at the World Economic Forum in Davos last year when he called out the global elite for not acknowledging the realities of wealth inequality. In his new book, *Humankind, A Hopeful History,* he explores some significant studies and offers a new perspective on the last 2,00,000 years. "Elites get nervous when people come together. Cynicism is a legitimisation of hierarchy, it's the tool of the powerful where they can say, 'you need us, you can't trust each other.' But if you can trust each other and work together, they get nervous," Bregman tells journalist Kaveree Bamzai during the recent session of Expressions. Excerpts:

Rutger Bregman

EXPRESS expressions FEAR NONE. FAVOUR NONE

● What has been the reaction to A Hopeful History?

I'm an old fashioned social democrat, I think a civilised society should have universal healthcare, public education paid for by the state, universal basic income. Research shows that once you get people out of poverty, and they can go to hospital when they really need it, you get a return on that investment, you have to spend less on healthcare, corruption, etc. People are looking for sources of hope and historians have known that crises like these are shifting points for society. If you would have told anyone 10 years ago that a 16-year-old Swedish girl would kickstart a global climate justice movement, or that we would see the biggest protest in the history of the United States, it would have been unimaginable. There's a long way to go, and there are reasons to be anxious, but there's hope as well.

● Can you look at social media and feel hopeful?

News and social media are big addictions. News is about things that go wrong, about corruption, crises, terrorism and war. If you watch a lot of news, at the end of the day you've only heard about the exceptions, exactly how the world does not work. It's good to plug out a little. Social media algorithms want our attention so they can sell us ads, they do that with outrage, they want you to be outraged all the time. News and social media often increases the distance between people, psychologists have always known that distance is the root of all evil. It's hard to hate a human being you can look in the eye. It's easier to hate someone who's behind an anonymous account. We have to try to bring people together face-to-face.

● What makes us not accept an idea like universal basic income?

My previous book, which was about basic income, tries to show that once you give people some venture capital, they can use it well. People don't believe it because they have a darker view of human nature. If you look at the latest evidence from archeology, sociology or anthropology, you will find a mixed view of who we are. On one hand, we are the friendliest species. But friendliness can turn into followership, or groupishness where you do nasty things in the name of loyalty. People find it hard to give up their privilege, they start thinking the world is zero-sum where for someone to get something, someone has to lose something. It's important to think about win-win, which is the idea behind social democracy.

● Is the pandemic a moment which will change us fundamentally?

Maybe... Crises are shifting points for societies, they have been used by those in power throughout ages. It's easy to imagine something like that happening again, there are also hopeful signs. One of the ironic things about progress is that once progress starts to happen, it feels like the opposite. Tax evasion, for example. Ten years ago, there was no discussion about this phenomenon where rich people have their lawyers and accountants who try to make sure that these people have to pay as little as possible in taxes. Many people think because it's so much in the news, it's worse than what it used to be. But it is actually getting better, because we are angry about it. This is the paradox I address in my book, that because we are friendly, progress often starts with unfriendly people who are willing to go against the status quo, who are willing to make other people uncomfortable.

REIMAGINING EDUCATION@REVA

Covid-19 is creating havoc globally on all fronts having its impact on many or almost all the sectors, may it be business, industry, or education. Of all these entities, educational institutions are one of the hard hit sectors. The entry of Corona and the starting time of various examinations went hand in hand which made the student community to face unforeseen hardship.

DR.P.Shyama Raju
Chancellor REVA University

Considering the plight of thousands of his students, **Dr. P. Shyamaraju, Chancellor of REVA University came out with a book titled 'Reimagining Education @ REVA'** which depicts various available options for student community to come out of the prevailing crises. Dr. Shyamaraju mentioned thatat REVA, there's no looking back when it comes to academic excellence and state-of-the-art Learning Methodology. Together, we are determined to take this forward in an extraordinary way! In his book Dr. Shyamaraju pointed out that the University has taken up innovative methods to combat the situation. A main focus on Online education/ teaching mode, which attracted the students well and accepted by parents. Special online Certificate Courses were introduced. Immediately the lockdown was withdrawn, Reva came forward to take up sanitization programme with global standards. Many reforms were introduced which helped the teaching, non-teaching fraternity and students as well. Dr. Shyamaraju has a different brain-child in the matter of bifurcating the methodology as A,B and C categories. Under group A, classes are conducted as usual, In B group, classes are conducted fully online basis, A will have 60% and B will have 40 % online classes, while group C will be of hybrid nature, that would be 50% online and 50% offline classes, according to him. He has made many other suggestions which support the aims of students and teaching community. During classes, REVA took steps to maintain social distancing clause, making compulsory to wear masks, frequent use of sanitizers. He explained many topics in his book which help students and parents as well. REVA University has conducted final semester examinations and conducted online convocation program which is First of its kind, during Covid days to avoid the delay of getting Degree certificate and it felicitate students to join in their jobs on time. Besides these, REVA conducted Online Convocation, which is said to be another feather in its cap. The book Reimagining Education was published by New Century Publications, **New Delhi.**

SMD Initiative

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

MOONG DAL PAYASAM

INGREDIENTS

- **Yellow moong dal:** 2 glasses
- **Milk:** 4 glasses
- **Sugar:** 150 gm
- **Elaichi powder:** 1 spoon
- Dry fruits for added flavours

- Soak 150 gm of yellow moong dal for about 20 minutes in water.
- Pressure-cook the dal in double the quantity of water for about three whistles.
- Make sure it is mushy, or mash it till it becomes mushy, and the boiled dal is soft. You can use almost all the water that you have used to boil it.
- Place it on a stove and add half of the quantity of milk to it. Add sugar and elaichi powder.
- Since it tends to thicken as it cools, add the rest of the milk before serving.
- Garnish with almonds and kajus, fried or raw.
- Yellow moong dal is easy for digestion and is ideal on a rainy day or when you are fasting.

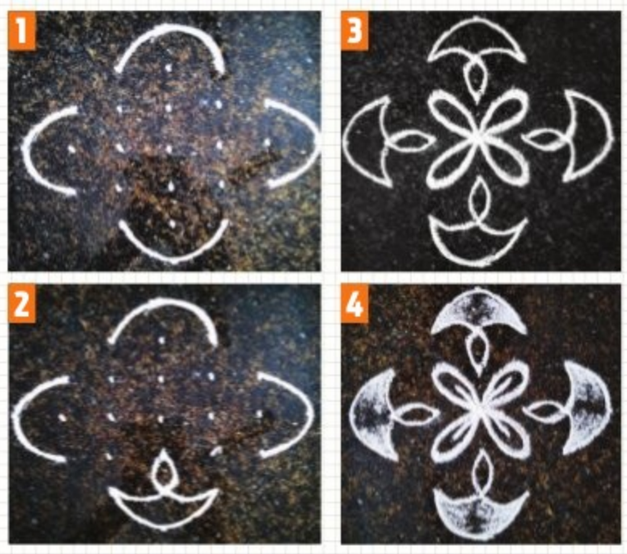
– Akshara Prasad, Hyderabad

DOTS & DESIGNS

AGAL VILAKKU SIKKU KOLAM

- Place odd-numbered dots from 5 to 1, both vertically and horizontally.
- Draw 'C' shape on all four ends. Each C will have a dot in the middle.
- Draw criss-cross curved lines to make the flame from the middle dot. Do this on all four sides.
- Make petals using the remaining dots in the middle.
- Shades the diya shape as shown in picture.

– Gandhimathy Senthilkumar



BRIGHT SPOT

LANDING NEW MILESTONES

Four weeks ago, when IAS officer Jitendra Kumar Soni took charge as the district collector of Nagaur, Rajasthan, his first initiative was to help the rural people access every part of the city with ease. He launched Raasta Kholo Abhiyan which involved removing encroachments and land invasions. The first Raasta Kholo Abhiyan drive was launched on July 31, and 38 pathways were cleared. He worked with Panchayat Samitis and local police officers. The officer wanted to set up a system to ensure that no one closes the pathway again. He called them Vidya Gaurav Patikas and named them after women/girls in that village, who have achieved something in the field of education or sports. There is also a GPS tracking system in the stones, which will intimate the police officers if it is tampered with. This small initiative is sure to ignite young minds to achieve greater milestones.

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SOUND BOARD

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State of Mind tells intimate stories of the world's best authors, entrepreneurs, athletes and artists, through an immersive audio experience. ● On Spotify

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Revisionist History is Malcolm Gladwell's journey through the overlooked and the misunderstood. Every episode re-examines something from the past—an event, a person, an idea, even a song—and asks whether we got it right the first time.
● On Google Podcast

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

KENDASAMPIGE

Ravi, an attendant, has a love affair with Gowri, the daughter of the owner of his company. A set of events leads to him being jailed over a narcotic case. But he manages to flee with Gowri's help.
● Cast: Vikky Varun, Manvitha Harish

YAARE KOOGADALI

Kumara and Natesha escape from a mental hospital and come to the city. They are soon chased by a gangster while their actual truth is revealed.
● Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Bhavana

MYTHRI

Siddarama is one step away from winning a sum of `one crore in a game show hosted by his favourite actor Puneeth Rajkumar. However, scientist Mahadev Godke attempts to ruin his plans.
● Cast: Mohanlal, Puneeth Rajkumar

PATTANATHIL BHOOTHAM

Two friends, accidentally release Jee-Boom-Baa, a genie from an old urn. Jee-Boom-Baa promises to help his new masters as they set him free.
● Cast: Javar S, Jaishankar

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WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 WHAT LIGHT CAN TEACH US ABOUT THE UNIVERSE BY PETE EDWARDS

Humanity has long been looking at the universe and asking the big questions: How did it begin? How will it end? The answer is light. Pete Edwards outlines six unique messages that light carries which, when put together, disclose information to astronomers.

2 HISTORY THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHICKEN BY CHRIS A. KNIESLY

The Ancient Egyptian king Thutmose III described the chicken as a marvelous foreign bird that "gives birth daily." Romans brought them on their military campaigns to foretell the success of future battles. Today, this bird occupies a much less honorable position – on dinner plates. Chris Kniesly explains its evolving role.

3 WOULD YOU OPT FOR A LIFE WITH NO PAIN? BY HAYLEY LEVITT AND BETHANY RICKWALD

Imagine if you could plug your brain into a machine that would bring you ultimate pleasure for the rest of your life. The only catch? You have to permanently leave reality behind. Hayley Levitt and Bethany Rickwald explore Robert Nozick's thought experiment that he called the Experience Machine.

4 6 SPACE TECHNOLOGIES WE CAN USE TO IMPROVE LIFE ON EARTH BY DANIELLE WOOD

Danielle Wood leads the Space Enabled research group at the MIT Media Lab, where she works to tear down the barriers that limit the benefits of space exploration to only elite. She identifies six technologies of space exploration that contribute to the world.

5 HOW SLEEP AFFECTS YOUR EMOTIONS BY MATT WALKER

It's not just your imagination -- you're more irritable when you're low on zzzzs. Sleep scientist Matt Walker explains how our nightly slumber affects the emotional centres in our brains, and why we can think of sleep as first-aid for our feelings.

FIT BIT

ARDHA MALASANA

(EXTENDED SIDE SQUAT POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'ardha' means 'half', 'mala' means 'garland' or 'necklace', and 'asana' means 'pose'. It is an asymmetrical squat that is a variation of malasana. It provides a strong stretch and release for the lower body, particularly the inner groin. It is associated with the Muladhara chakra, which is said to help increase feelings of security, groundedness and trust. This asana can also be practised as part of the Chandra Namaskara or Moon Salutation sequence.

STEPS

- Begin with Adho Mukha Svanasana (Doward Facing Dog pose).
- Then, come into Ashwa Sanchalanasana (Equestrian Pose), and place your left foot inward 45 degrees.
- While inhaling, come into Virabhadrasana-2 (Warrior Pose-2).
- Slowly straighten your right knee and turn your right heel inward 45 degrees.
- While inhaling, stretch your upper body. Join your palms and bring them together at the centre of your chest.
- Here, exhale and bend your left knee into a half-squat or a full squat. Keep your left foot flat on the floor.
- You can also lift your left heel and balance your weight on your toes.
- Keep your right leg straight and flex your right foot.
- Inhale and straighten your back.
- Stay in this pose for three long breaths.
- To come out of this pose, bring your palms on the floor and come into Upavistha Konasana (Wide Angle Seated Forward Bend).
- Repeat the sequence on your right side.

BENEFITS

- Daily practice of this asana stretches and strengthens the groin muscles.
- It also improves flexibility and mobility of the body.
- Regular practice improves balance and core strength.
- This pose is recommended for runners.

LIMITATIONS

- Those suffering from severe lower body injuries should avoid this pose.
- This pose should be avoided during menstrual cycle.
- If you are pregnant, do not perform this pose.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

KATHEYONDU SHURUVAGIDE (Kannada)

A young resort owner, Tarun, is going through a rough time and tries to deal with disappointments, failures, and struggles of his life. In the process of doing so, he strikes up a great bond with a resort guest, Tanya. Will this bond help them to find a new meaning of love and life?

- Cast: Diganth Manchale, Pooja Devariya, Ashwin Rao Pallakki
- Watch On : Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

INDU SARKAR (Hindi)

During the Emergency, Indu's husband, a government employee, plans to use the situation to his advantage and move ahead in his career. However, Indu's sense of morality sets her on a different path.

- Cast: Kirti Kulhari, Neil Nitin Mukesh, Anupam Kher, Tota Roy Chowdhury
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

FANDRY (Marathi)

Jabya, a school-going boy from the lower caste, falls in love with Shalu, a higher caste girl. At the same time, his family seeks to hunt an elusive pig in order to earn a living.

- Cast: Nagraj Manjule, Rajeshwari Kharat, Suraj Pawar, Kishor Kadam
- Watch on: Zee5
- Registration: ₹ 99 per month

BIRBAL TRILOGY (Kannada)

A wrongly accused murderer who is helped by Advocate Mahesh Das despite of various threats faced by them during the investigation.

- Cast: MG Srinivas, Suresh Heblikar, Rukmini Vasanth
- Watch On : Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

THONDIMUTHALUM DRIKSAKSHIYUM (Malayalam)

Newly-weds Sreeja and Prasad struggle to cope with their lives and decide to sell Sreeja's gold chain for money. However, a thief steals the chain during a bus journey, adding to their woes.

- Cast: Fahadh Faasil, Nimisha Sajayan, Suraj Venjaramoodu
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

PAYANAM (Tamil)

When terrorists hijack a plane from Chennai, a struggle with the pilots damages the engine forcing them to make an emergency landing in Tirupati. NSG commando Ravi is entrusted with rescue operations.

- Cast: Akkineni Nagarjuna, Poonam Kaur, Prakash Raj, Sana Khan
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

ADHUGO (Telugu)

Chanti's prized possession is her pet Bunty, a piglet. However, everything takes an unusual turn when a group of people try to kidnap Bunty owing to his birthmark.

- Cast: Nabha Natesh, Ravi Babu, Abhishek Varma
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

ENGLISH

THE HITMAN'S BODYGUARD

The world's top protection agent is called upon to guard the life of his mortal enemy, one of the world's most notorious hit men. The relentless bodyguard and manipulative assassin have been on the opposite end of the bullet for years and are thrown together for a wildly outrageous 24 hours. During their journey from England to the Hague, they encounter high-speed car chases, outlandish boat escapades and a merciless Eastern European dictator who is out for blood.

- Cast: Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson, Salma Hayek, Gary Oldman
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

FIRST MAN

Neil Armstrong, an American NASA test pilot, and his fellow Apollo Program team-members zip themselves into insulated suits and set out on a mission to land on the moon.

- Cast: Ryan Gosling, Claire Foy, Jason Clarke, Kyle Chandler, Corey Stoll
- Watch on: Netflix ● Registration: ₹199 per month

GREED

Self-made British billionaire Sir Richard McCreadie's retail empire is in crisis. For 30 years he has ruled the world of retail fashion. But after a damaging public inquiry, his image is tarnished. To save his reputation, he decides to bounce back with a highly publicised and extravagant party celebrating his 60th birthday on the Greek island of Mykonos.

- Cast: Steve Coogan, Isla Fisher, Asa Butterfield, Shirley Henderson
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

ALADDIN

Aladdin, a kind thief, woos Jasmine, the princess of Agrabah, with the help of Genie. When Jafar, the grand vizier, tries to usurp the king, Jasmine, Aladdin and Genie must stop him from succeeding.

- Cast: Naomi Scott, Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Marwan Kenzari
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

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—Simrun Chopra, nutritionist

Do not treat festivals as a time to not work out and over indulge. Look at the day as a normal day where you walk and exercise and eat in moderation

—Shalini Manglani, nutrition and wellness expert

Indulging in festive sweets and fried snacks doesn't have to come with a side of guilt pangs. Nutritionists chart out healthier alternatives for the season

FEAST SANS FEAR

• **Vidya Iyengar**

The second half of the year is dotted with festivals and celebrations. All this means good food, especially during the pandemic, where turning towards food seems to be a go-to option. This has led to festive support in nutrition plans becoming increasingly popular in the city. Simrun Chopra, the founder of Nourish with Sim, takes into account the festive season indulgences into her plans. "In India, there are festivals all through the year and we tend to celebrate even Halloween and Thanksgiving. The idea is to give people a long-term plan that factors in the various festivals and the food that goes with it," says Chopra, adding that the festive support can help one manage their intake. "I believe that we need to be realistic while putting together a plan. So there's no extra or special cooking that should be involved," she adds.

Nutrition and wellness expert Shalini Manglani is leading a group of 100 women from FICCI FLO to help lose and manage weight through August, which started with a session on food budgeting. "The group members post food pictures and this keeps people on their toes," she says, adding that it's important to look for the meaning behind a festival, thereby moving the focus from food. "For instance, Ramzan is the month of fasting, introspection and prayer. Many clients gain weight because of the treats in the evening. If planned well, this need not happen," she points out.

All of them have one key advice: Not restricting festive food, as depriving it triggers a reverse mechanism that will make you attack those dishes. The key to managing calories is moderation. Fitness expert Wanitha Ashok finds that festivals jeopardise diet and weight loss plans, with many skipping workouts and gaining weight in the bargain. She suggests using low-fat ingredients like slim milk and other dairy products, sweetening dishes with jaggery instead of sugar, and preparing fried food in small quantities so that you get only one helping of it.

"Eat from small plates and trick yourself into eating less but visually you feel there is more food on your plate. Drink a couple of glasses of warm water just before lunch so that you can gorge less on the calorie-rich dishes," she says, adding that post-festival detox – consuming tons of water, green tea, fresh fruits and veggies and working out the very next day – is a must.

KEEP IN CHECK

Gift masks, clothes, subscriptions to online courses or other gift vouchers instead of sweets. Old photographs and DIY art work also work alongside a single portion of sweet

Keep portions of sweets and fried food small and don't eat from boxes, otherwise you will lose count. Plate small portions and distribute the Ganesha sweets when the festival is over

Beware of health halos. A coconut bliss ball made with jaggery or unprocessed sugar will still have the same calories as a laddoo although the ingredients are healthier. Stick to sweets with fewer ingredients like a rasgulla

Walk and exercise during festivals too

Walk between calls and meetings, keep light dumbells and bands near you. These can be used even if you are on screen

(Tips by Shalini Manglani, nutrition and wellness expert)

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The resilience of classical music

TUNING IN
Bindu Subramaniam

If I was given a cookie every time someone asked me if I thought classical music was dying, I'd be swimming in a (rapidly emptying) pool of cookies. This question gets asked in many ways, from the not-so-subtle, "This younger generation doesn't want to learn our music, no?" to the very direct "Don't you agree that classical music is vanishing?", and my answer is always the same. I think classical music is alive and well, and will continue to thrive. In fact, if anything, I think there is more interest in Indian classical music among children now than there was a decade or two ago.

The perception that classical music is so intricate that it can only be taught to and appreciated by children from "musical families" (how one would define that, I don't know), is wrong. The perception that classical music is boring and not something that "today's children" or "the modern generation" can appreciate is wrong too. Classical music has always been something that can be appreciated by children, but, as with other subjects, the most important thing to develop and sustain a child's interest, is methodology.

Although Indian classical music training depends heavily on learning by ear, I think many teachers have been extremely adaptive, creating situations that work for their students. When I was a kid, our teacher would allow us to record lessons on tape, so we could play them back at home and practise. After that, people would share mp3 recordings. Then it became WhatsApp voice notes. Even pre lockdown, most teachers had at least a handful of Skype students. And now? Classical music learning has gone a step further with self-paced courses on state-of-the-art learning management systems available to students around the world.

One thing that is extremely heartening to us at SaPa is that a majority of our students are first-generation classical music learners, which shows that, at least in the case of the students we work with, classical music isn't just for those for families that have learnt music. My brother Ambi's demographic at classical concerts definitely skews in favour of younger audiences who insist that he makes classical music cool (as his sister, I will never admit that he is cool).

The beautiful thing to me, is that classical music didn't have to change for any of this to happen. The music we enjoy and appreciate today, is almost identical to the music that Thyagaraja sang in temples hundreds of years ago.

(The author is a singer, songwriter, educator and social entrepreneur)

Stories of hope: Spreading positivity through folk tales

• **Express Features**

The pandemic has brought about a slowdown in the earlier fast-paced life. The sudden change has been difficult for many to accept and adapt to, which **Ramya Iyer** aims to explore through a storytelling session called 'Healing Hope Heart Story Circle'.

Iyer will conduct a session on Thursday, in collaboration Lahe Lahe, to bring together people from different walks of life to discuss and reflect about their lives. "We start with a warm-up where people usually share a highlight from their day. This usually tends to be a slice from their life," she says, adding that it is then followed by her narrating a folk tale like A K Ramanujam's *A Flowering Tree*.

"From these folk tales, we find something that connects to our life. The story becomes yours. And more often that not, people come out with personal stories, some of which they've not shared before. These stories often bring out stirred up emotions," she says, adding that along with all the stressers, people are also finding reasons to be grateful which give others hope.

While these tend to be larger groups, Iyer also conducts a session, 'Bonding over our stories and songs', on Fridays, wherein a response to a story is given the form of a song. "There are many emotional moments as music and songs tend to transport people to different realms, sometimes taking them to their childhood," she says.

Though she would have loved an in-person meet, Iyer too has had to take this concept online. "There's a lot more that a face-to-face interaction reveals. In addition to someone speaking, their body movements too add to their story. Even among those who prefer to stay quiet, there's a lot that is revealed in their silence. Or even their breathing can tell so much," she says, adding that the online sessions have at least given people otherwise confined to their home a way to connect with each other.

The event on Thursday is being held from 6-7.30pm. Tickets cost ₹200 and are available on townscript/ insider. For details about 'Bonding over our stories and songs', email ramyaponders@gmail.com

WHAT'S NEW?

The Castles of Tuscany

This is widely considered to be the best thing Stefan Feld has produced in the course of a glittering career, so news that he's revisiting that formula for a spiritual sequel has the boardgaming world all atwitter

Fort

Fort comes to us from Leder Games. A reimplementation of the highly-regarded SPQF, Fort takes a different route with its theme of kids trying to build the best backyard fort; aided with lovely art from Kyle Ferrin

The Umbrella Academy Game

Over on Kickstarter, The Umbrella Academy Game is doing quite well for itself. The striking artwork is based on the comic style rather than the TV show, which is probably for the best

Playing the right cards

Card drafting is a particularly popular mechanic found in board games, and it's easy to see why - players are able to take turns simultaneously, speeding up the game, and the decision of which card to keep and which ones to pass on to your opponent is always painful. 7 Wonders is arguably the reigning king of this sub genre, but today we're taking a look at a new claimant to that throne - It's a Wonderful World.

It's a Wonderful World is a clunkily-named card game for 1-5 players in which each of you is in charge of the development of a dystopian empire. Over the course of four rounds, you'll take turns drafting cards and building them into your empire. Cards come in various types, each of which tends to require different resources - vehicles usually require energy, for example, whereas science predominantly demands research. Once cards have been drafted, you enter the production phase where constructed cards generate resources which you can then use to build towards other cards.

Here's the first twist this game throws at you - you can't be self-sufficient. Or, rather, you don't want to be. Relying solely on the resources you produce is going to slow you down, and timing is everything here. So what else can you do? Well, the cards you choose in the drafting phase don't necessarily need to be constructed; in fact, trying to build everything is almost certainly a terrible idea. Instead, you can choose to recycle some of the cards you chose, which gives you a resource depending on what type of card it is. A single resource per card may not sound like much, but it could be just what you need to get something built in time for production.

Speaking of the production phase, this is where the game starts to sing. All cards do not produce simultaneously, but instead you go in order - first, you'll produce materials, then energy, then research, then gold and finally exploration. As soon as you generate resources, you must allocate them to cards that require those resources if possible. This means you could produce research, say, which lets you complete a scientific breakthrough just in time for it to produce gold for you in the very next phase; and that gold could be put towards something else, and so on and so forth. Spelling it out like this does make it sound rather dry but, in practice, this entire game is a massive chain of dominoes and you're constantly searching for the best way to tip the first one over and set it in motion. It is ludicrously satisfying when you pull it off, and these cascades never really let up once you get them going.

It's a Wonderful World is, quite simply, a wonderful game. It ticks all the boxes - solid gameplay, beautiful artwork (the cards are quite lovely), it's quick to teach and play, and you'll want to play it again almost immediately; which is usually the hallmark of something special, and this is no different.

PLAY ON
Arjun Sukumaran

(Arjun is a gamer, book lover and an all-round renaissance man)

Fond memories

Ramesh Arvind visited Yana, which is in Uttara Kannada district, after 20 years, which was the location of *Nammura Mandara Hoove*, starring Shivrajkumar, Prema. and him. He posted a video on Instagram and spoke of his many fond memories. The movie *Nammura Mandara Hoove*, which was massive hit of its time, was in Bengaluru theatres for 22 weeks.

CITY READ

Nitte Meenakshi institute gets top rank

Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, has figured among the top three in the category of Private Engineering Colleges of India at the national-level in the ranking list of 'Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements – 2020'. It was recently released by Ministry of Human Resource Development (Ministry of Education), Government of India.

KMF launches new schemes

Karnataka Milk Federation is marking the occasion of Sihi Utsava by offering 10% discount to consumers on MRP of all Nandini sweets across Karnataka till August 30. They are also offering the following at reduced MRP: Nandini Ghee price reduced from ₹490 to ₹450 per litre, butter price reduced from ₹460 to ₹390 per kg, skimmed milk powder price reduced from ₹295 to ₹245 per kg and dairy whitener price reduced from ₹285 to ₹235 per kg.

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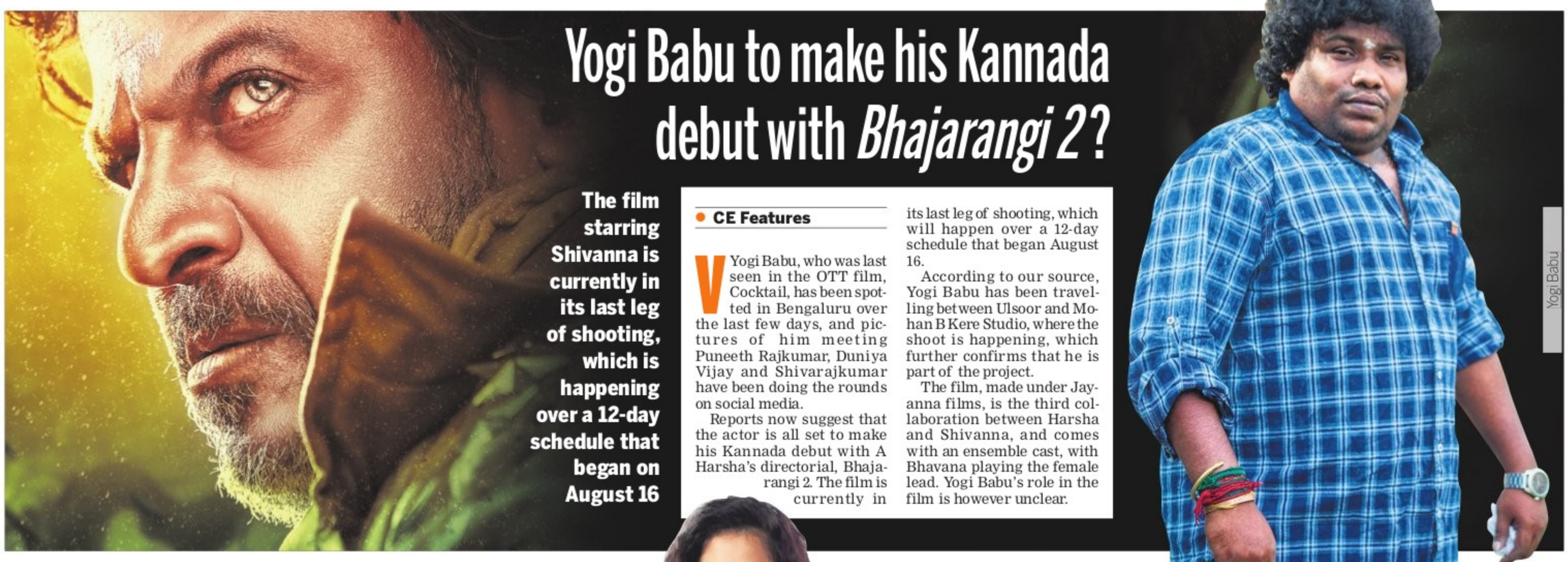

Yogi Babu to make his Kannada debut with *Bhajarangi 2*?

The film starring Shivanna is currently in its last leg of shooting, which is happening over a 12-day schedule that began on August 16

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Yogi Babu, who was last seen in the OTT film, Cocktail, has been spotted in Bengaluru over the last few days, and pictures of him meeting Puneeth Rajkumar, Duniya Vijay and Shivarajkumar have been doing the rounds on social media.

Reports now suggest that the actor is all set to make his Kannada debut with A Harsha's directorial, Bhajarangi 2. The film is currently in its last leg of shooting, which will happen over a 12-day schedule that began August 16.

According to our source, Yogi Babu has been travelling between Ulsoor and Mohan B Kere Studio, where the shoot is happening, which further confirms that he is part of the project.

The film, made under Jayanna films, is the third collaboration between Harsha and Shivanna, and comes with an ensemble cast, with Bhavana playing the female lead. Yogi Babu's role in the film is however unclear.

Yogi Babu

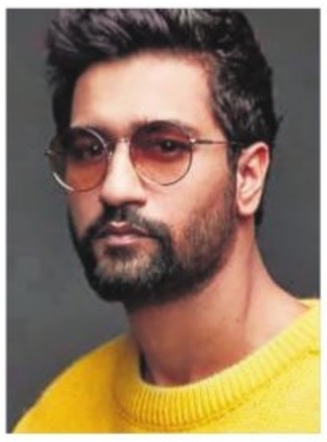
NEETHA ASHOK GETS HER FIRST BIG BREAK IN *PHANTOM*

The actor is moving from teleserials to the big screen with Sudeep-starrer action-adventure drama directed by Anup Bhandari, in which she is paired opposite Nirup Bhandari

A Sharadhaa

Neetha Ashok is set to be yet another television actor who is shifting gears to join the silver screen, as she gets a big break in Sandalwood. Having proved her mettle on the small screen with serials like *Yashodhe* and *Naa Ninna Bidalaare* and *Neelambari*, she will be making her film debut in Sudeep-starrer *Phantom*. The adventure action drama directed by Anup Bhandari introduces Neetha Ashok's character as Aparna Ballal, who is fondly called as Panna. She is paired opposite Sanjeev Gambhir, played by Nirup Bhandari. Her character sketch is that of an adventurous person, who has an eye for details, and is curious to find out more. The actor is said to have started shooting for the film, and details of her role will be revealed along with the first look on Thursday. *Phantom*, which features Sudeep as Vikranth Rona, is being made by Shalini Artss, and is produced by Manjunath Gowda. The team has made a temporary camp at Annapurna Studios, Hyderabad, *Phantom* was one of the first Sandalwood films to resume shooting on July 16. Over the last one month, almost 40 percent of the shoot has been completed. The film also brings together Anup Bhandari and Sudeep for the first time. It has Ajaneesh Lokanath composing the music while William David is handling the cinematography, and Shivakumar is taking care of the art department.

Nirup Bhandari and Neetha Ashok



Vicky, Manushi Chhillar to star in comedy drama

CE Features

Vicky Kaushal and former Miss World Manushi Chillar will be headlining a comedy film produced by Yash Raj Films. While not much is known about the project, reports suggest that this will be part of YRF's project 50. On Independence Day, Aditya Chopra announced that the production house will announce a slate of films on September 27, the 88th birth anniversary of his father. This announcement is to celebrate YRF's 50 years in film production.

The banner's current pipeline includes *Bunty Aur Babli 2, Shamshera, Jayeshbhai Jordaar, Prithviraj*, and *Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar*. Vicky Kaushal was last seen in *Bhoot*, and has Shoojit Sircar's *Sardar Uddam Singh* coming up. On the other hand, Manushi Chillar will be making her film debut with Akshay Kumar's *Prithviraj*, which is also produced by YRF.

Aditi Prabhudeva goes back to college with *Gajaanana and Gang*

This will be the actor's next film directed by Abhishek Shetty, in which she will be paired opposite Shri Mahadev; an official announcement of the project will be made today

Aditi Prabhudeva

CE Features

Aditi Prabhudeva is an actor who doesn't like to get typecast, and looks to play different characters. Now, she is elated to have bagged the role of a pure college girl, which she has been longing to play. The actor, who is waiting to resume shooting for Vijaya Prasad's *Totapuri* and MG Srinivas's *Old Monk*, among other films, has given a green signal to the project. An official announcement will be made by the team on Thursday. The first look poster, which is in the form of a caricature, will also be revealed on the occasion. According to Abhishek Shetty, the director of *Nam Gani BCom Pass*, his next will be *Gajaanana and Gang*, for which he is once again joining hands with producer Nagesh Kumar US. *Gajaanana and Gang* will have Aditi paired opposite *Iruvudellava Bittu* actor Shri Mahadev. It is a love story of middle-class college students, set in a time frame between 2014-2021. With the lead cast in place, the makers have also finalised the technical crew with music director Praddyottan, cinematographer Uday Leela, and editor Vijeth Chandra coming on board. The makers hope to begin shooting in October.

Abhishek Shetty

A poster of *Gajaanana and Gang*

'WE ARE HERE TO UNITE'

... says director Asim Abbasi, who, along with producer Shailja Kejriwal, talk about Churails, boundary-smashing, and the return of Pakistani shows to India

Shilajit Mitra

It's a killer premise. Four Pakistani women, from varied backgrounds, collude to run a clandestine detective agency under the guise of a fashion boutique. Working ingeniously and on the sly, they weed out abusive men and bring them to book. As patriarchy falls, our Karachi crusaders rise. Thus proceeds Churails, a new 10-part series streaming on ZEE5. Directed by Asim Abbasi, the show is created and co-produced by Zindagi Digital, an online revamp of the Zindagi TV channel that went off air in 2017. Asim's debut feature, Cake, was submitted for the 91st Oscars and is presently streaming on Netflix. The British-Pakistani filmmaker has been at the forefront of the content revolution across the border, bringing bolder narratives to the wider mainstream. "Cake, for me, was a nuanced character study of familial relationships," Asim says. "Therefore, with Churails, I wanted to go bigger. While we delve into serious themes, I wanted it to have a whimsical quality."

The mix appears to have paid off. The show has been praised for its vibrant design and spunky characters. Asim, who grew up in Pakistan, hired an all-female consulting team to steer the screenplay. The lead cast features Sarwat Gilani, Mehar Bano, Yasra Rizvi, and Nimra Bucha, all popular faces in Pakistani film and television. The director also devised a funky editing style: all color-coded flashbacks and fast-cutting (the post-production was done in India, Pakistan, and the UK).

Asim feels both the plot and treatment are in sync with modern audiences. "Across the subcontinent, people have seen such shows on international platforms. So I didn't need to explain any of that." Did he fear a backlash from conservative corners? "I have no doubt there will be some cultural backlash. It's the same concept that propagates misogyny — the fear of seeing something that we are not used to."

Launched in 2014 in India, Zindagi channel brought a bouquet of shows from Pakistan, Turkey, South Korea, and Brazil. Pakistani serials like Zindagi Gulzar Hai, Dastaan (premiered as Waqt Ne Kiya Kya Haseen Sitam), Humsafar, and Mere Qaatil Mere Dildaar were widely viewed in India.

However, following the 2016 Uri attacks, Zee Entertainment Enterprises withdrew all Pakistani titles from the channel. As tensions rose, Zindagi was pulled from the airwaves and became a digital-only subset on the OZEE app (it was later integrated into ZEE5).

Producer Shailja Kejriwal, who launched Zindagi and is heading its digital rebrand, views Churails as a cultural olive branch. "As a patriot, one would always support the army and the nation. But as artists we also have a job to use our soft power and show the other perspective. If we feel an affinity for each other, then it is our responsibility to create understanding. There are issues and desires that are common, and which would hopefully bring us closer as nations," Shailja, Chief Creative Officer - Special Projects at Zee, says.

Asim agrees that digital platforms are a great medium to restore cross-border exchange. "We are not here to be divisive but to tell stories that actually unite," the filmmaker says. "If a single viewer in India relates to Churails, then I have done my job."

Zindagi TV has announced the premiere of over 1000+ hours of multicultural content. It will comprise a mix of curated and original shows. The Pakistani titles range from romances (Ishq Gumshuda, Shehr-E-Zaat) to family dramas (Aunn Zara, Badi Aapa).

"We are taking the Zindagi brand forward as a South Asian platform," Shailja shares. "My personal desire is to create stories with women voices. We also want actors, directors and technicians from the subcontinent to come and create something together. That's our ultimate dream."